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IN THIS ISSUE: ONE OF THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN'S DEADLIEST
FOES...IS ABOUT TO BECOME EVEN DEADLIER!!!

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

THE HATRED OF THE HOBGOBLIN!

TONIGHT IS
THE NIGHT! SOON
ALL THE POWER
POSSESSED BY
THE ORIGINAL
GREEN GOBLIN...

...ALL THAT--
AND MORE--

--SHALL
BELONG TO...
HOBGOBLIN!

SOMEWHERE, SOMEPLACE
COMPUTERS CHANNEL
CHEMICAL CURRENTS
INSIDE A HUGE VAT.
SOMEWHERE, SOMEPLACE...

...EVIL IS
A 'BORNING!

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WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR INDEBTEDNESS TO HOBGOBLIN'S CREATOR,
ROGER STERN, FOR HIS GRACIOUS PLOT ASSIST.

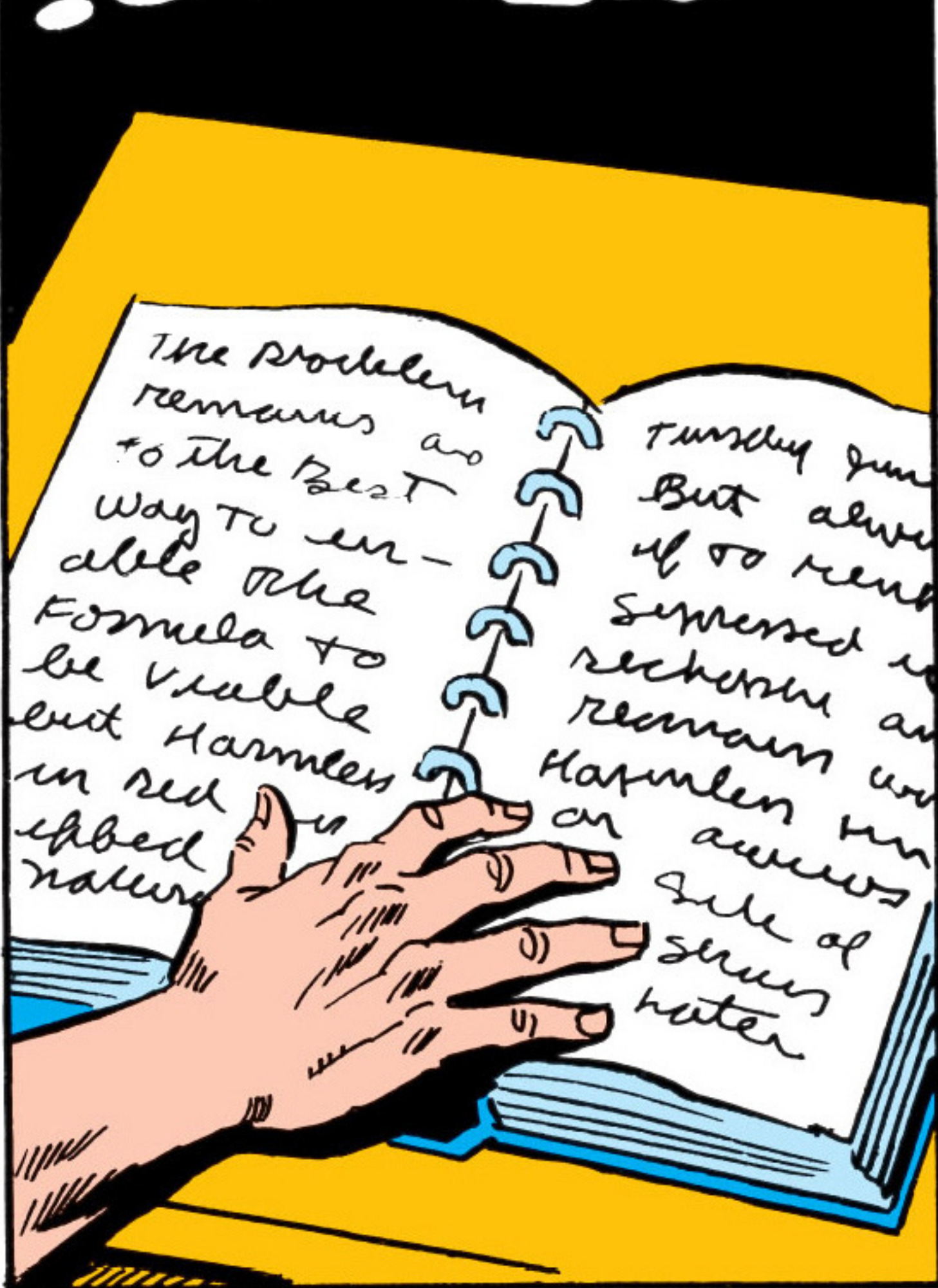
WE DO NOT KNOW HIS NAME. WE HAVE NEVER SEEN HIS FACE. HE IS A CIPHER SEETHING WITH MENACE AND MYSTERY.

NORMAN OSBORN-- THE GREEN GOBLIN-- WAS INSANE... BUT METHODICAL IN HIS MADNESS.



HE RECORDED EVERY ASPECT OF HIS CRIMINAL CAREER. HIS JOURNAL ENTRIES ARE EXHAUSTIVE.

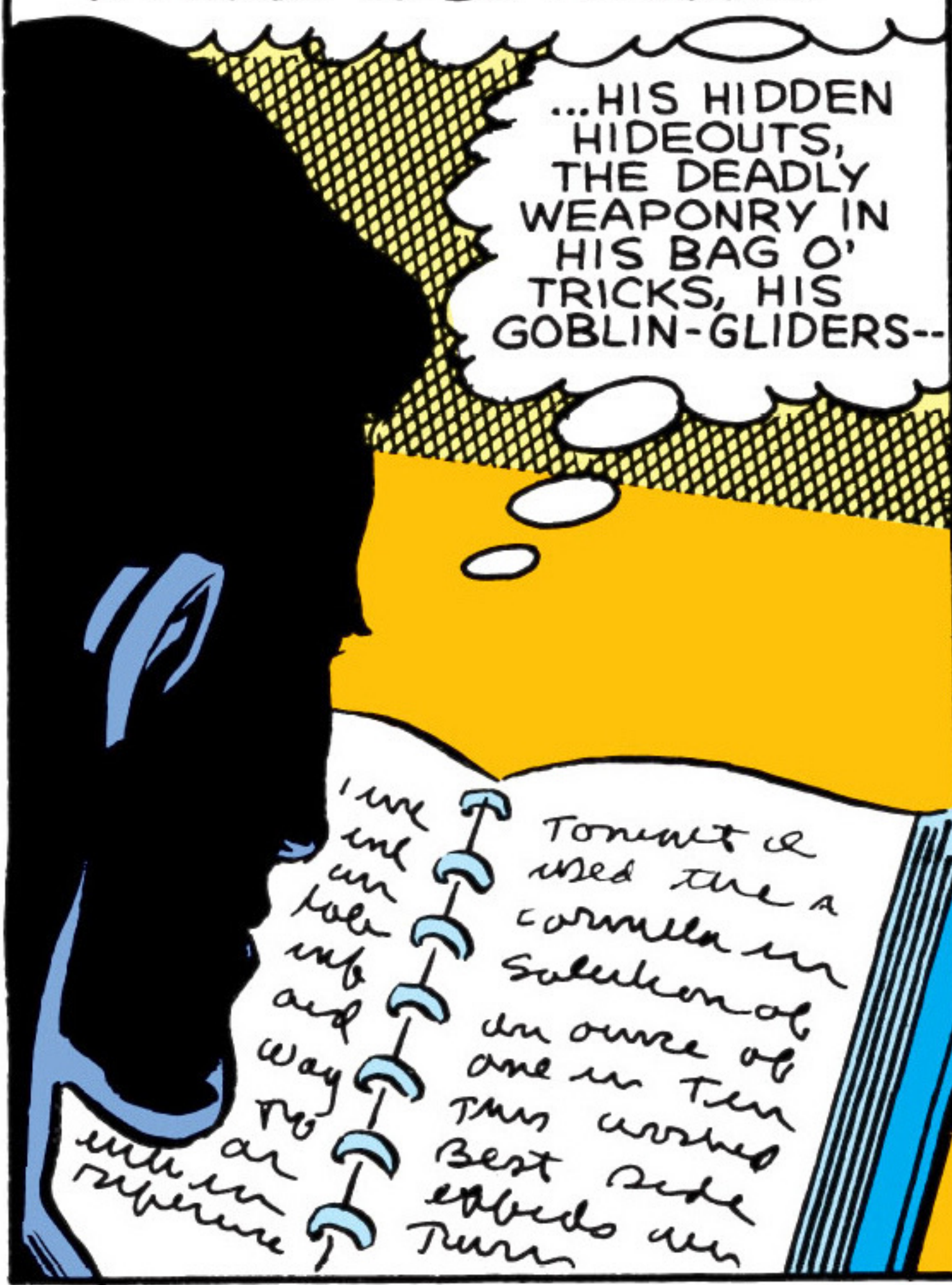
FORTUNATELY FOR ME, HIS JOURNALS SURVIVED HIS DEATH.



The procedure remains as to the best way to make the formula to be viable and harmless in red ink on a piece of paper.

FROM THEM, I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO DUPLICATE THE THINGS THAT MADE THE GREEN GOBLIN A FORCE TO BE FEARED...

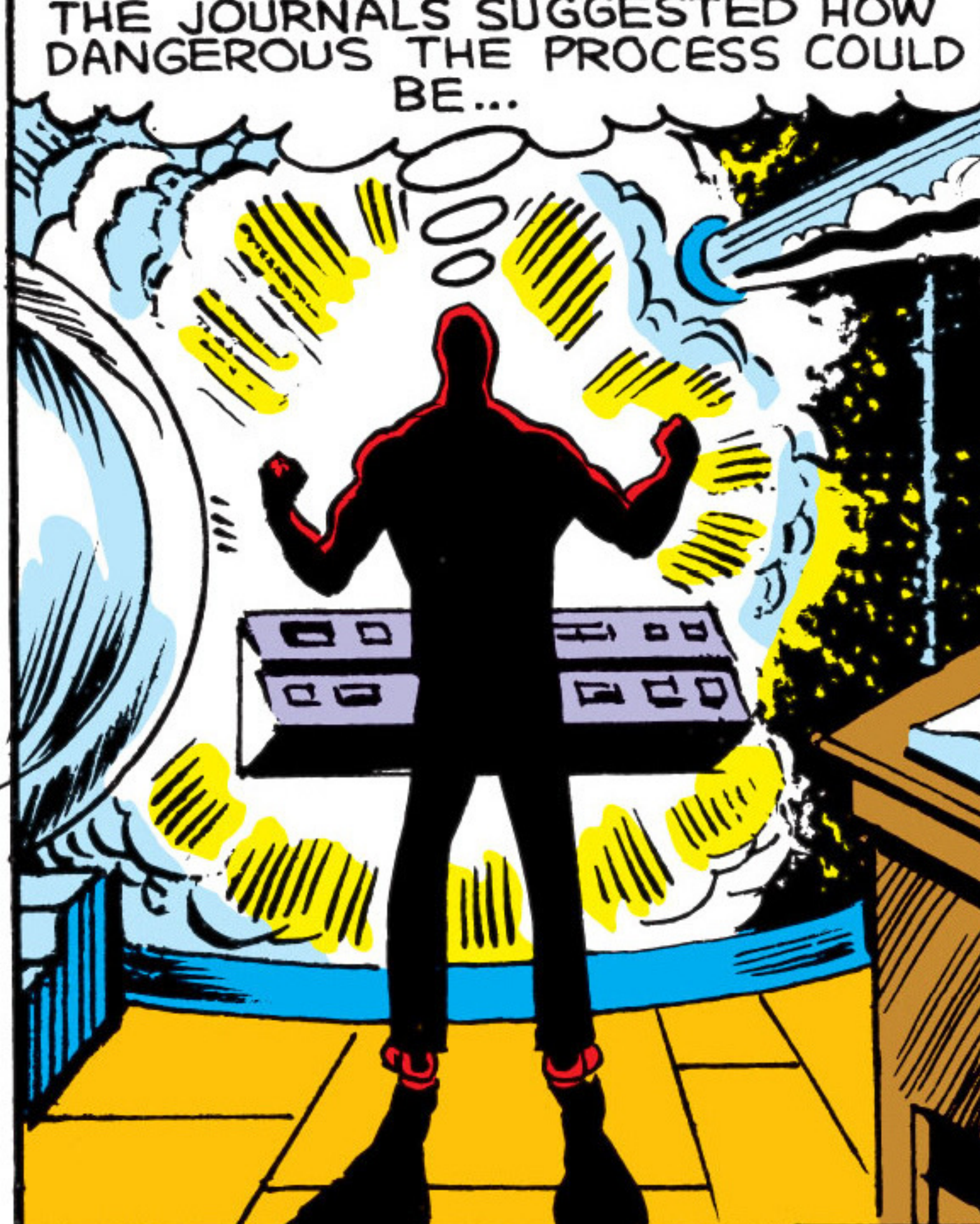
...HIS HIDDEN HIDEOUTS, THE DEADLY WEAPONRY IN HIS BAG O' TRICKS, HIS GOBLIN-GLIDERS--



I've used the formula in an attempt to make an even better one. This was the best side effect I've seen.

--AND NOW...TONIGHT...THE SECRET SOURCE OF HIS SUPER-STRENGTH!

THE JOURNALS SUGGESTED HOW DANGEROUS THE PROCESS COULD BE...



...AND HOW FOOLISH I WOULD BE TO TEST IT ON MYSELF FIRST.



"SO I FOUND A GUINEA PIG IN LEFTY DONOVAN, A SECOND-RATE CRIMINAL IN MY EMPLOY. UNDER HYPNOSIS, DONOVAN SYNTHESIZED THE GOBLIN'S FORMULA--



-- WITH RATHER EXPLOSIVE RESULTS.

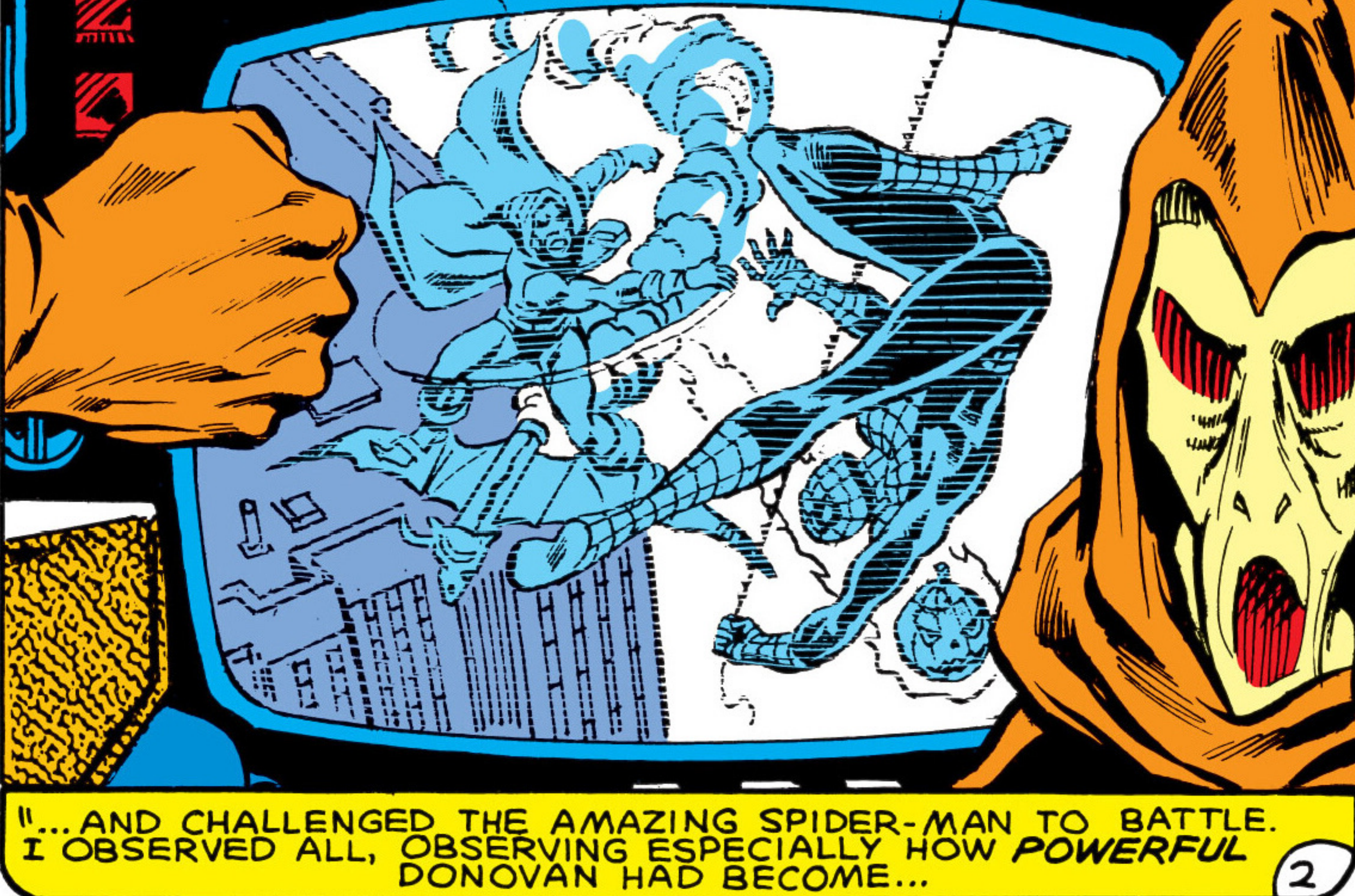
"DONOVAN'S EVERY PORE BECAME PERMEATED WITH THE POWERFUL POTION.

"FOR WEEKS, DONOVAN LAY BURNED AND COMATOSE IN A HOSPITAL. MONITORING HIM FROM AFAR, I SAW WHAT HIS DOCTORS COULD NOT.

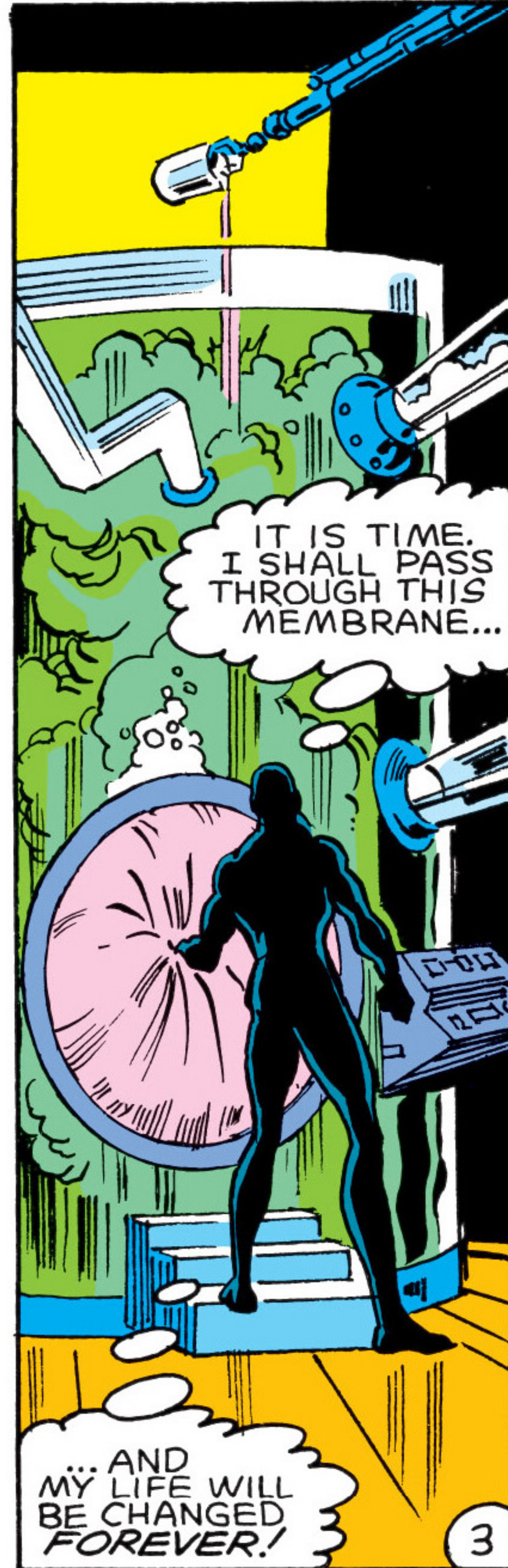
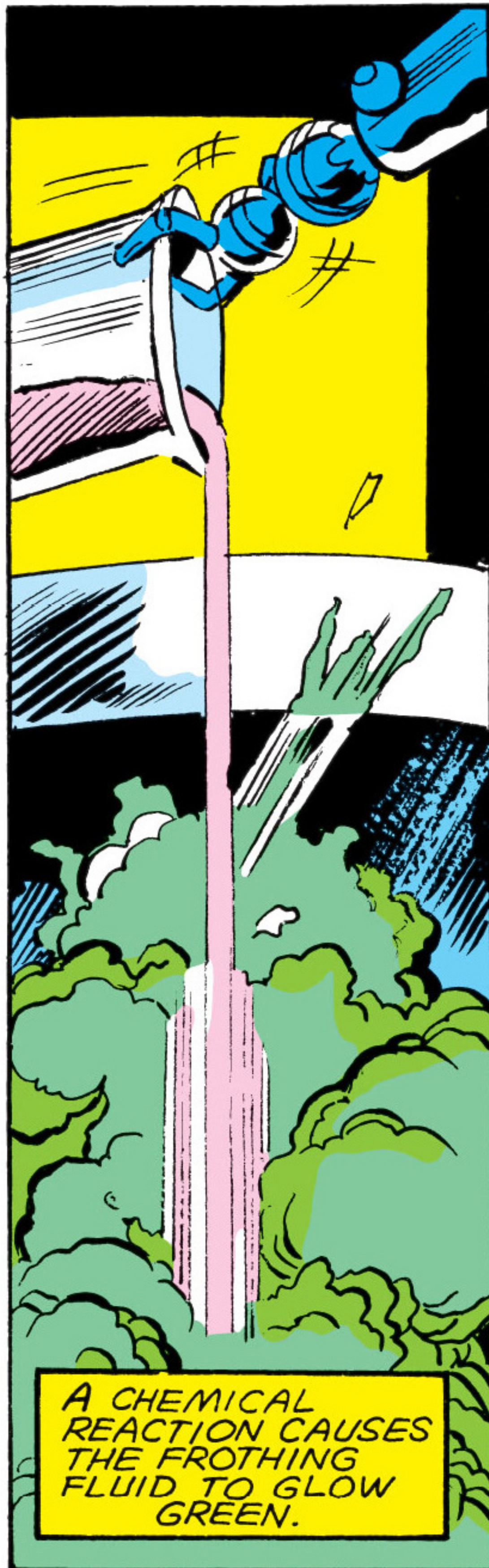
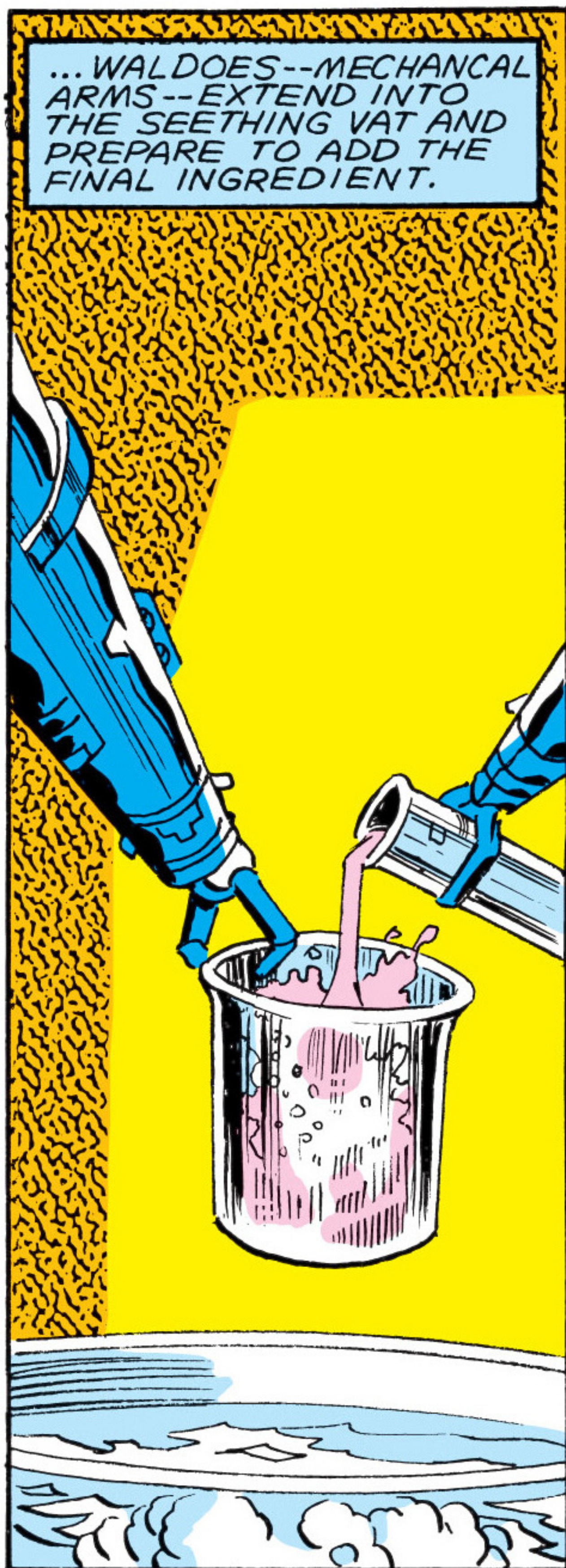
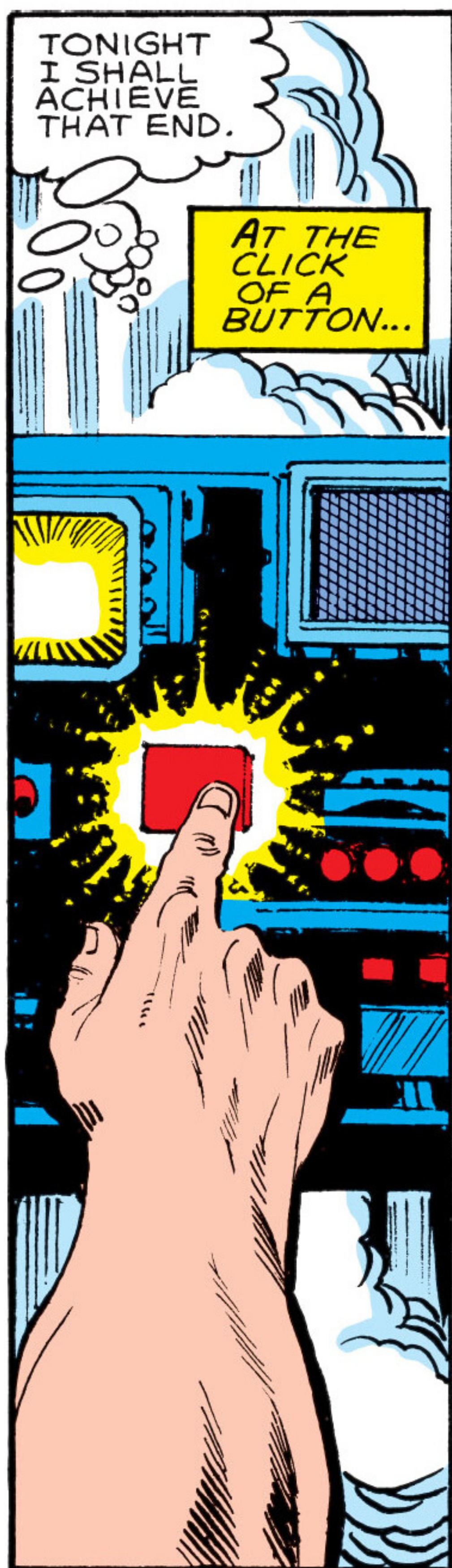
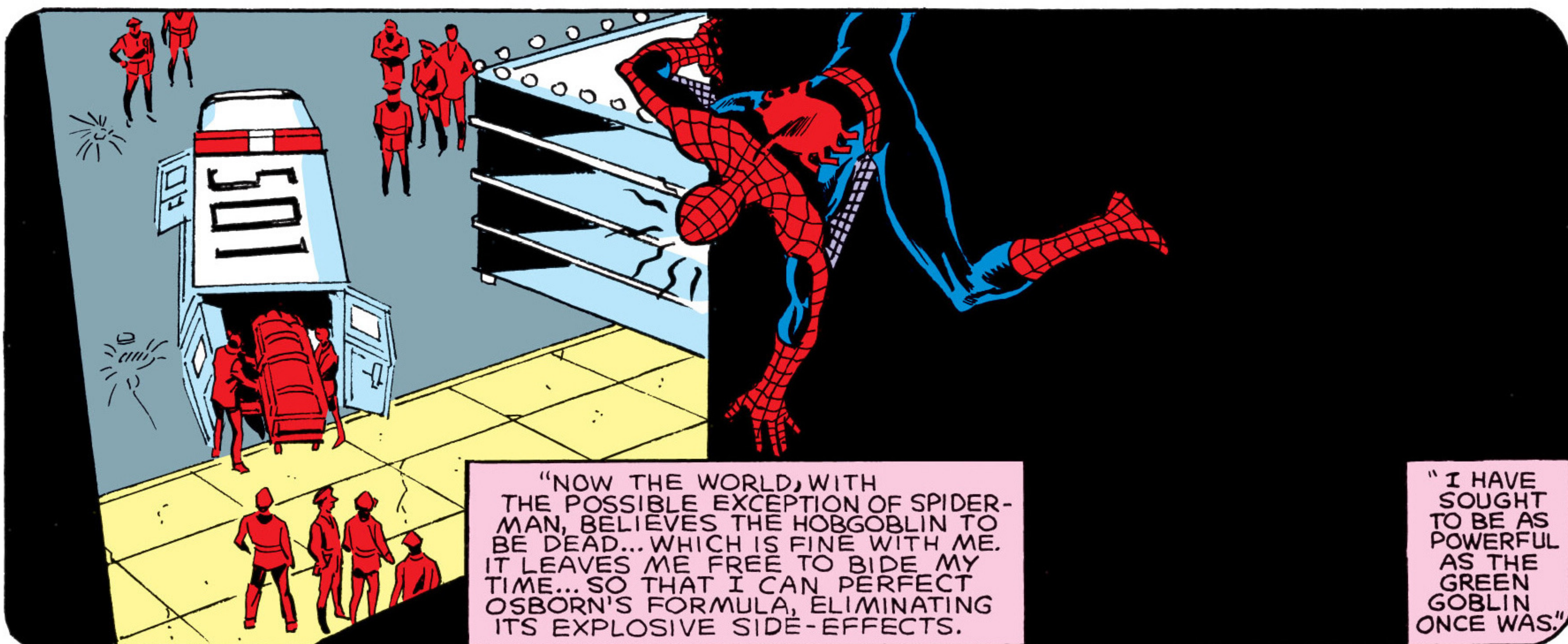
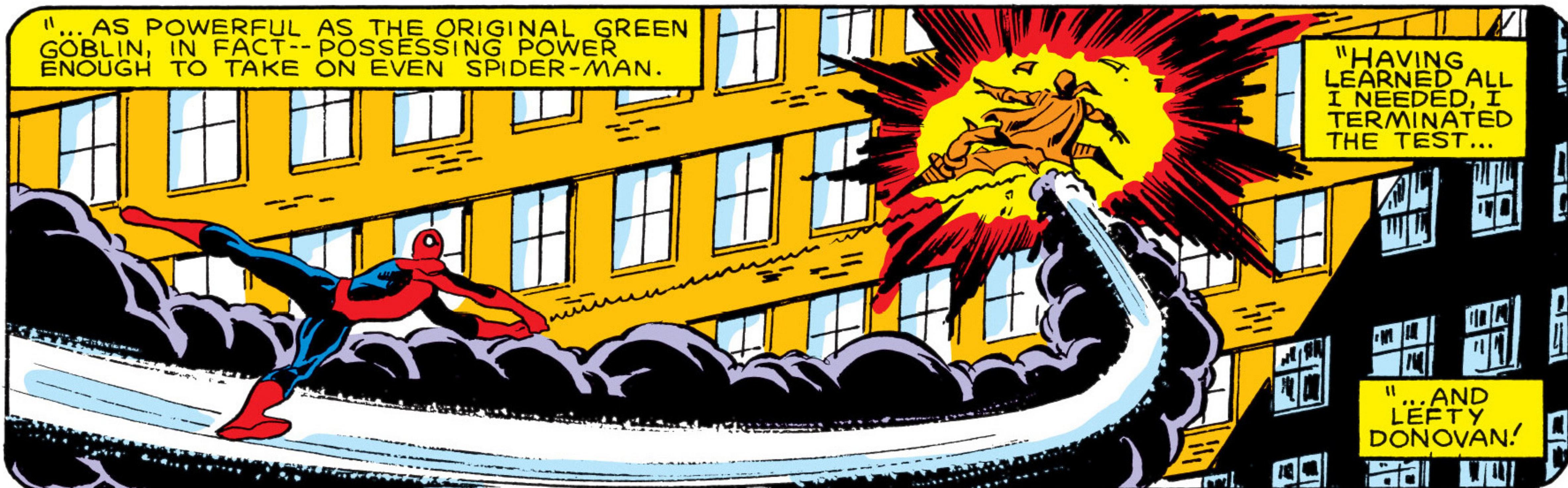


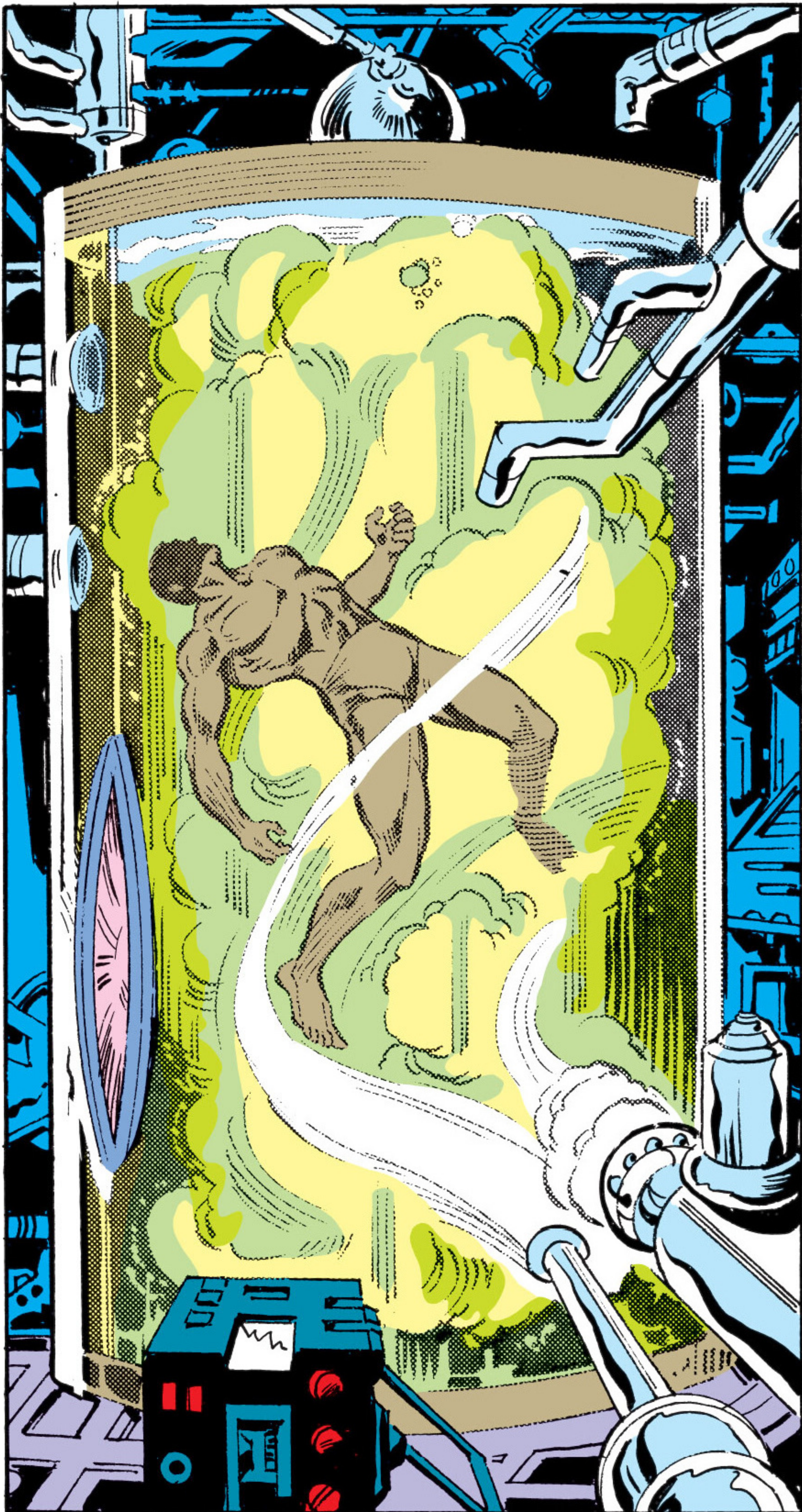
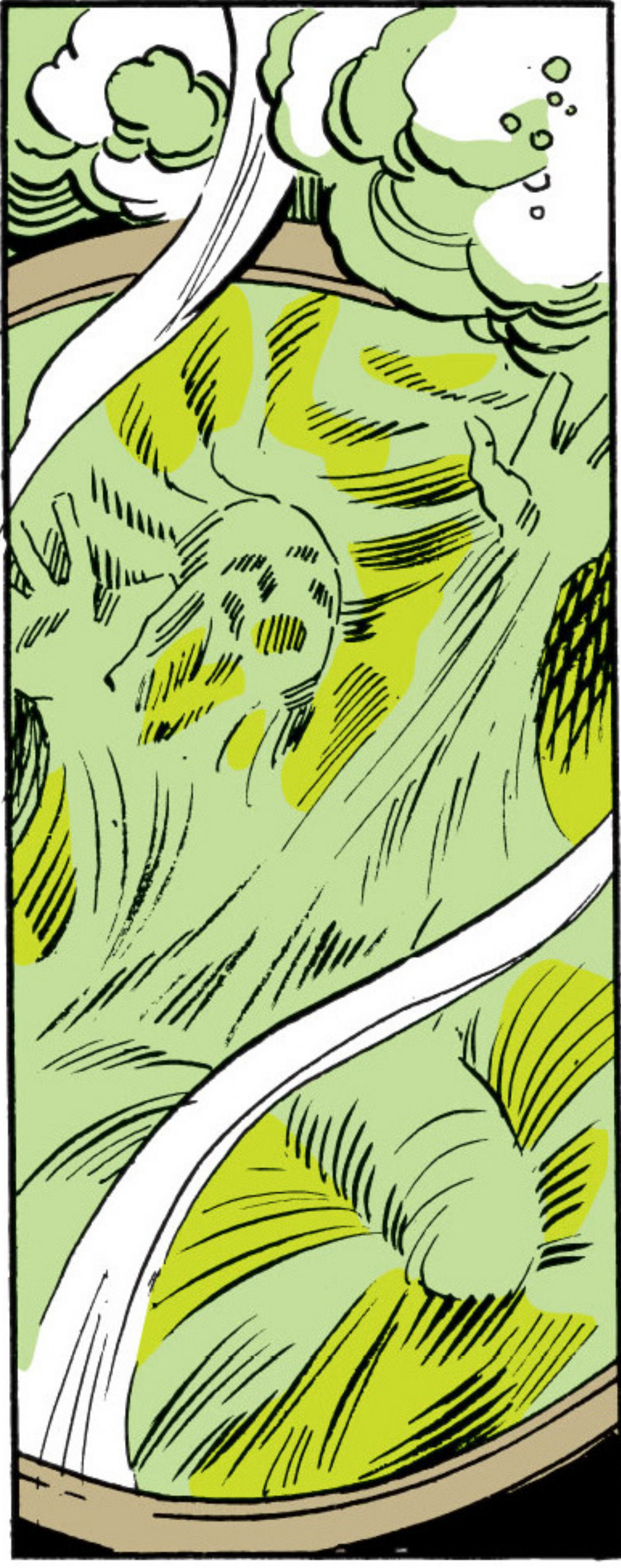
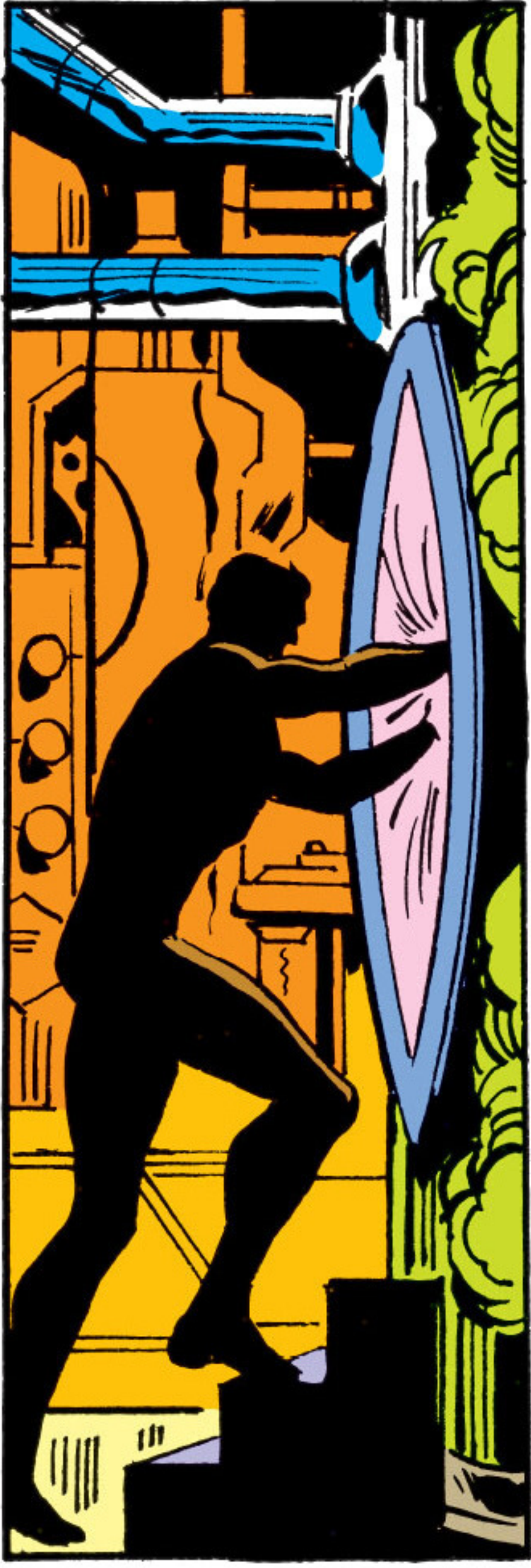
"HE WAS RECUPERATING AT AN INCREDIBLE RATE, AS THE CHEMICALS HE'D ABSORBED ENERGIZED EVERY CELL IN HIS BODY!"

"FINALLY, DONOVAN REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AND, FOLLOWING MY POST-HYPNOTIC COMMAND, ROSE, DRESSED HIMSELF IN A SPARE HOBGOBLIN COSTUME...



"...AND CHALLENGED THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN TO BATTLE. I OBSERVED ALL, OBSERVING ESPECIALLY HOW POWERFUL DONOVAN HAD BECOME..."

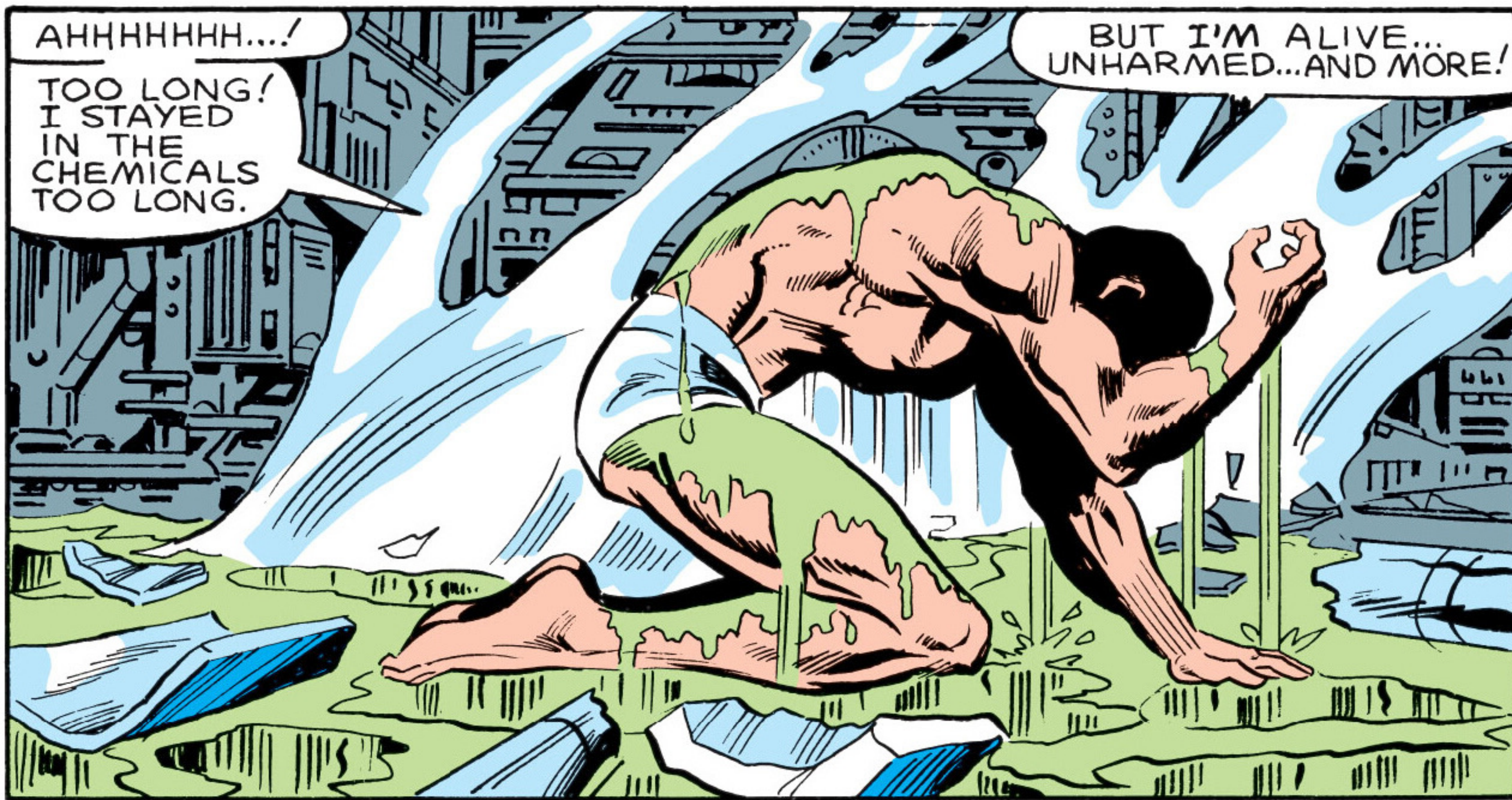




Caveat:
The potential exists for even greater power--perhaps equal to that possessed by Spider-Man--but continued experimentation has led me to the conclusion that prolonged immersion in the fluid can cause psychological side effects, leading even to madness.

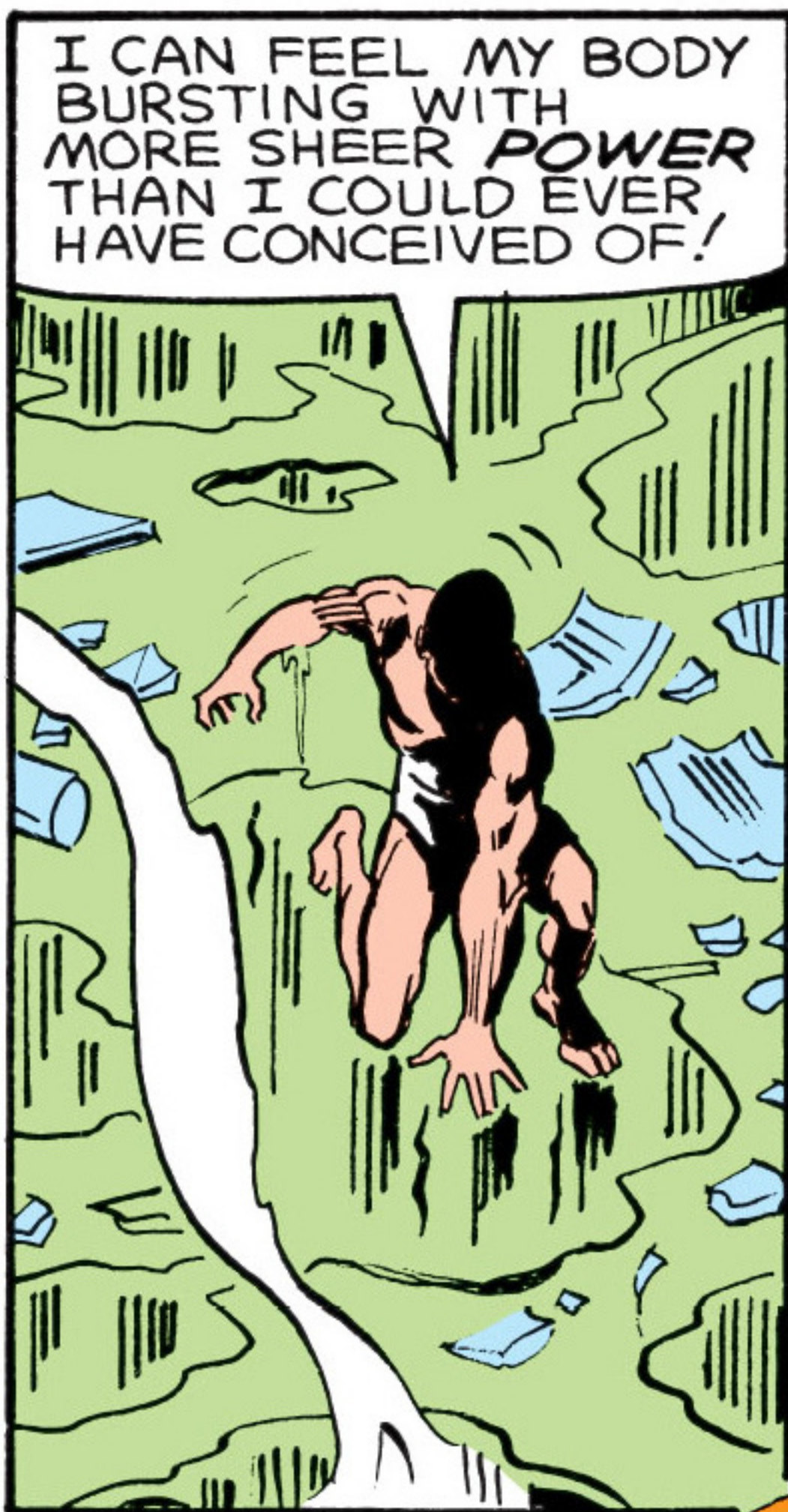
MINUTES PASS...





AHHHHHHH...!
TOO LONG!
I STAYED
IN THE
CHEMICALS
TOO LONG.

BUT I'M ALIVE...
UNHARMED...AND MORE!



I CAN FEEL MY BODY
BURSTING WITH
MORE SHEER **POWER**
THAN I COULD EVER
HAVE CONCEIVED OF!



I'VE DONE IT!
I'VE BECOME
AS POWERFUL
AS THE ORIGINAL
GREEN GOBLIN!

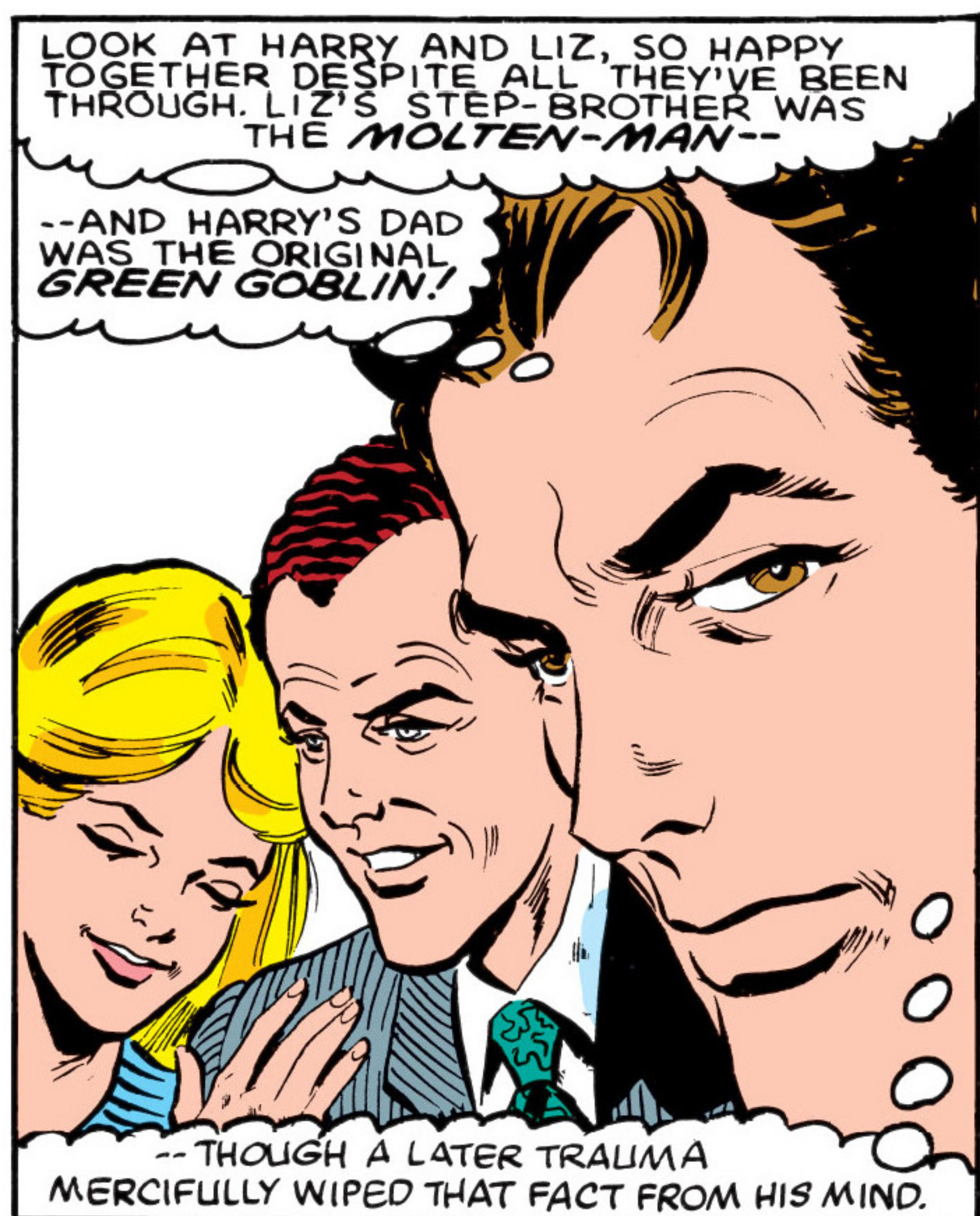
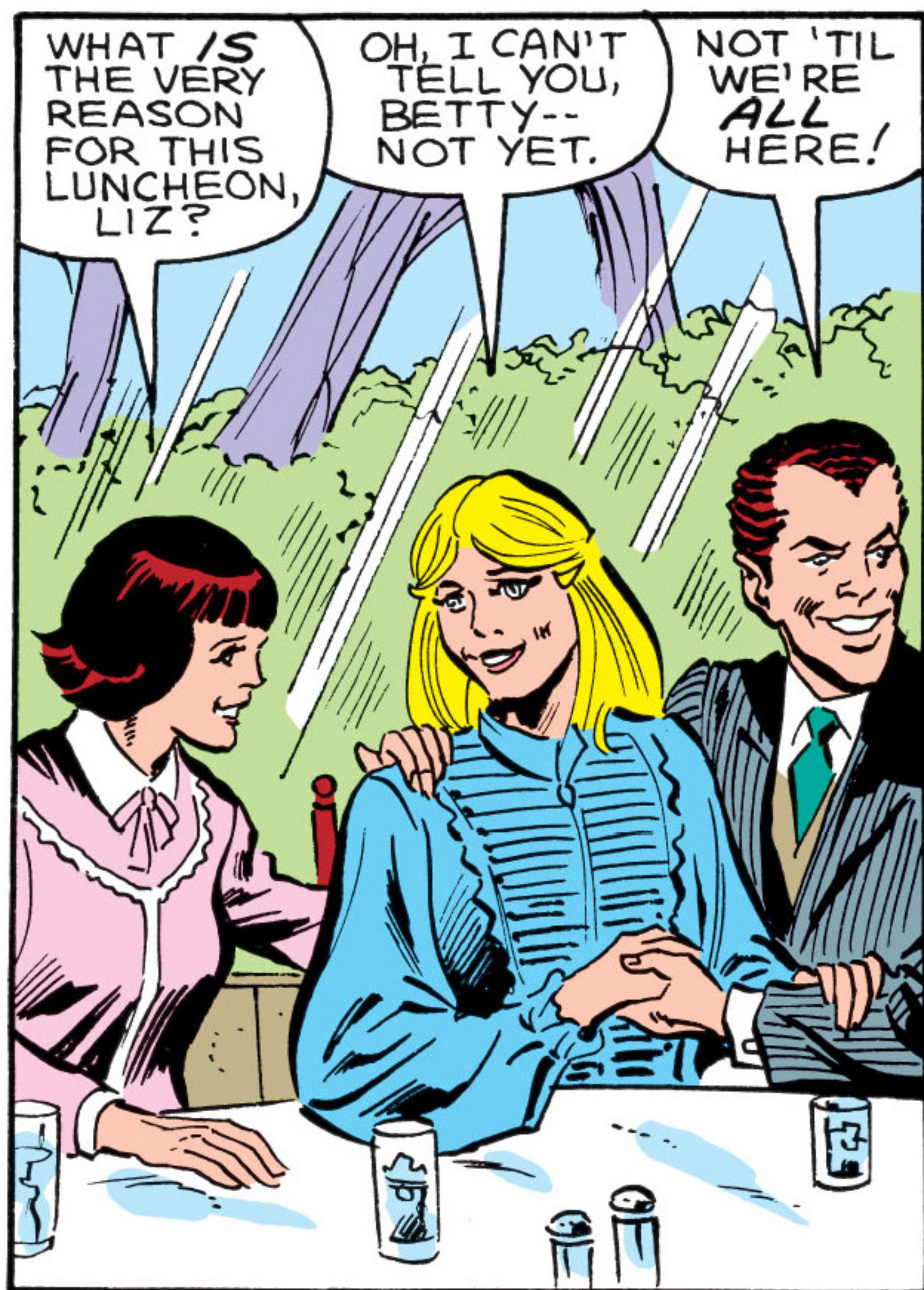
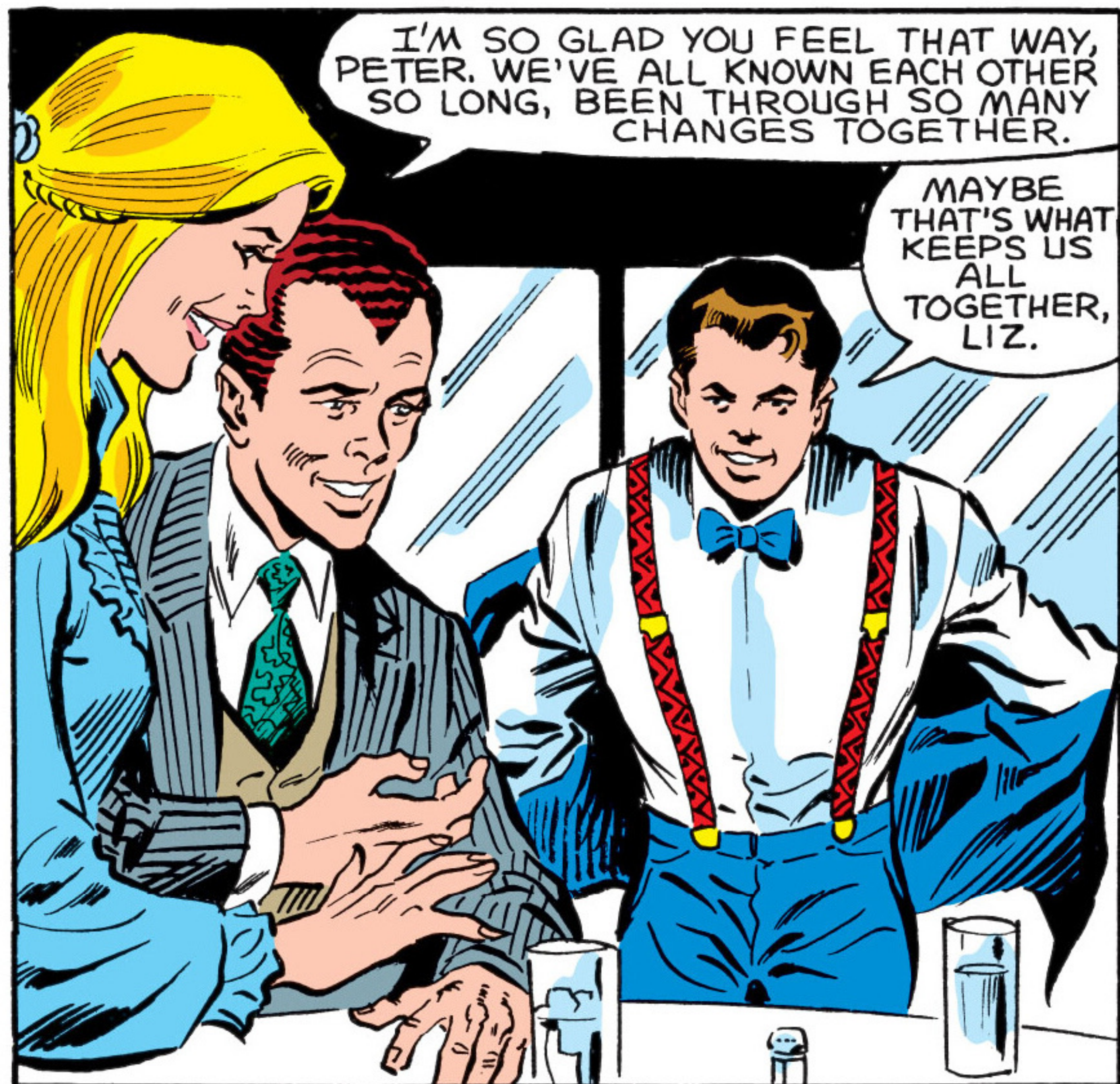
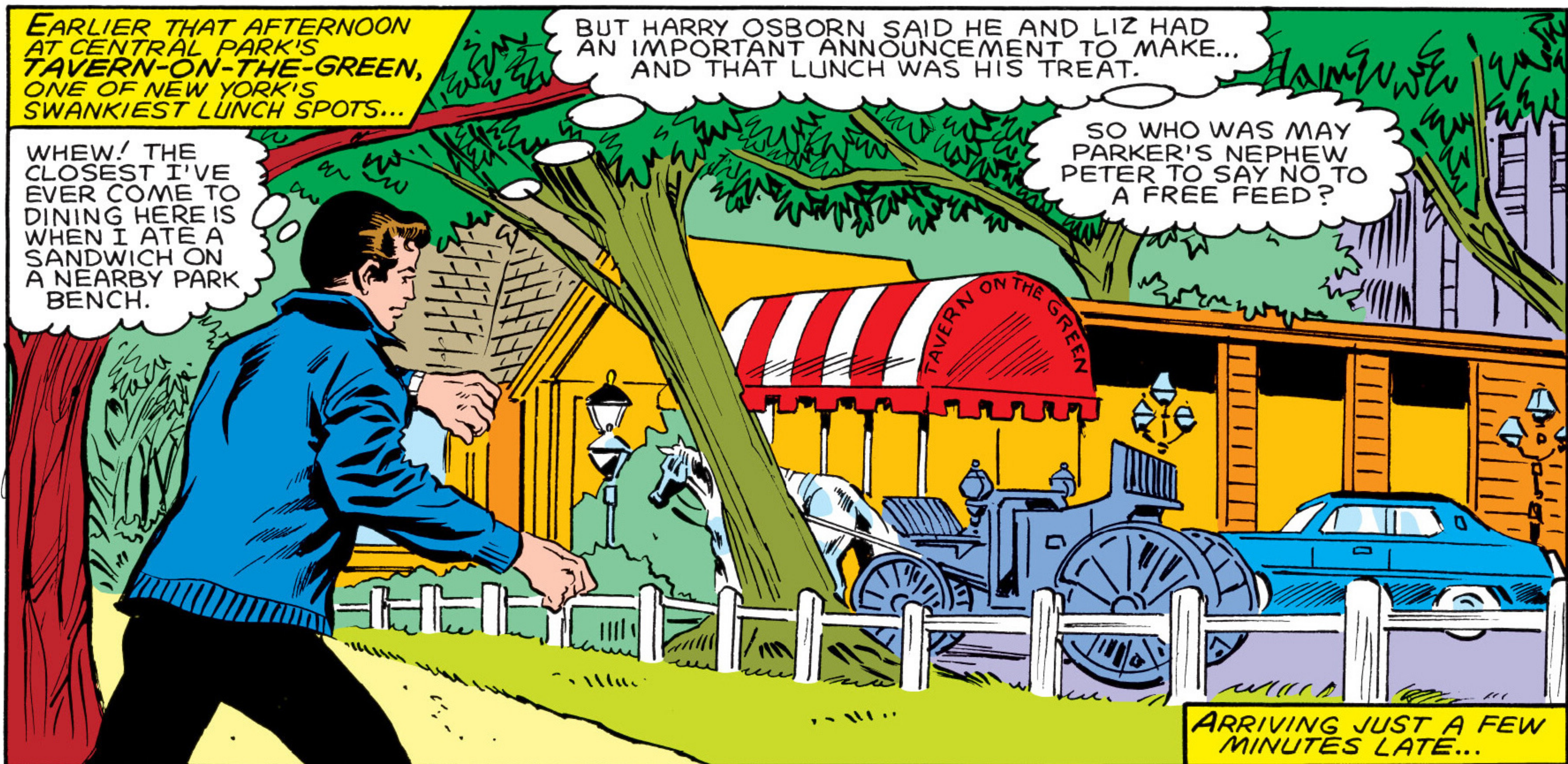


MAYBE EVEN
MORE POWERFUL!



BUT THE
ONLY WAY TO
TEST THAT
THEORY IS TO
DEFEAT THE
ONE FOE THE
GOBLIN COULD
NEVER DEFEAT
HIMSELF!

THUS, TONIGHT...
THE **HOBGOBLIN**
WILL DESTROY
SPIDER-MAN!



LISTEN! I LIKE PARTIES AS MUCH AS ANYONE, BUT NED AND I ARE NINE-TO-FIVERS! WE'VE GOT JOBS TO GET BACK TO!

SO IF YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS HAVE A SECRET TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF US--

--I FOR ONE AM POSITIVELY BURSTING TO HEAR IT!

AT BETTY BRANT'S FRIENDLY URGING, A BLUSH SUFFUSES LIZ OSBORN'S CHEEKS.

WELL, THE ONLY ONE MISSING IS MARY JANE WATSON. WE WERE WAITING FOR HER...

BUT I CAN'T KEEP THE NEWS IN ANY LONGER! HARRY AND I ARE GOING TO BE A MOMMY!

I'M GOING TO HAVE A BABY!

YIPEEEEE! I LOVE BABIES!

OTHER PEOPLE'S, OF COURSE.

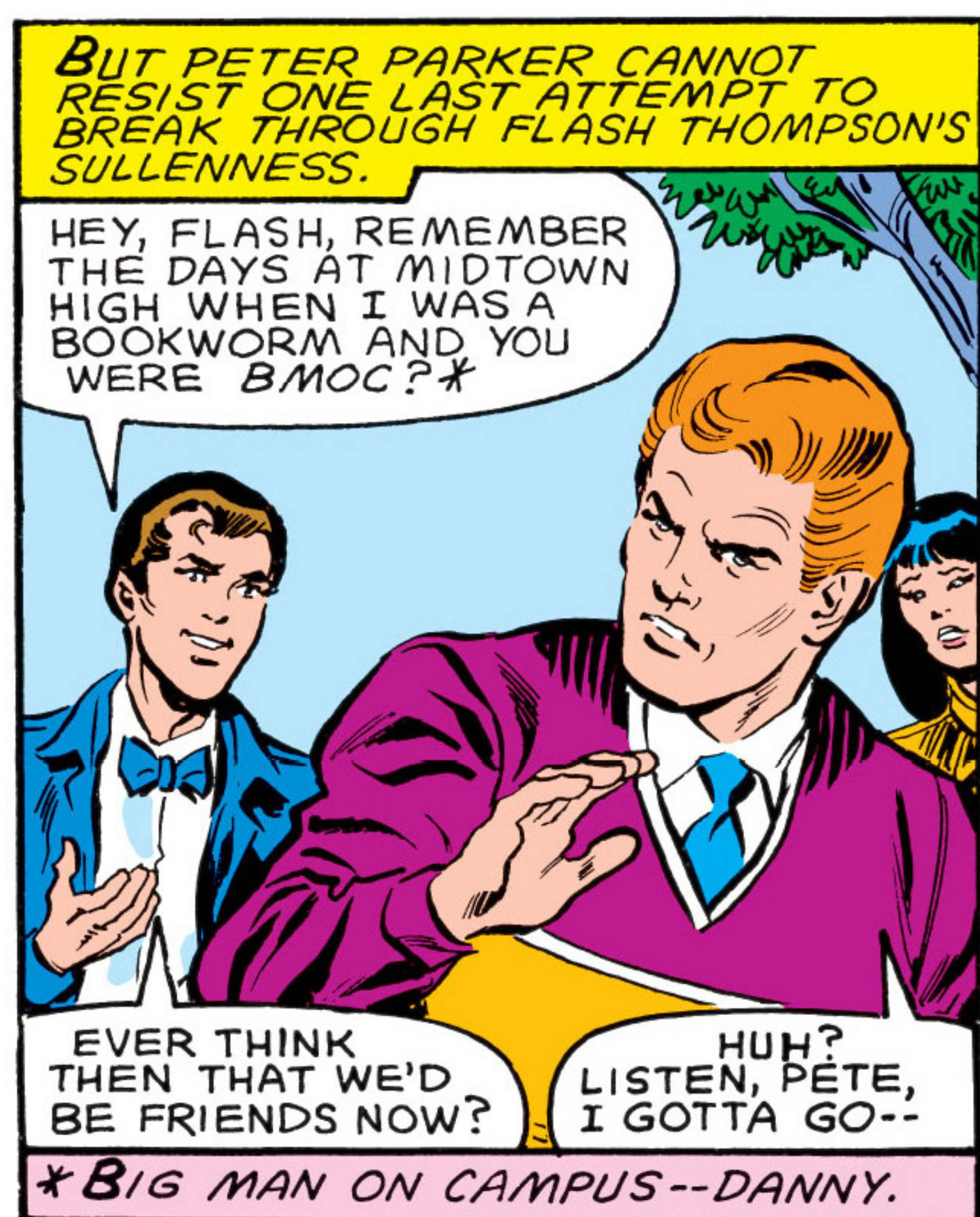
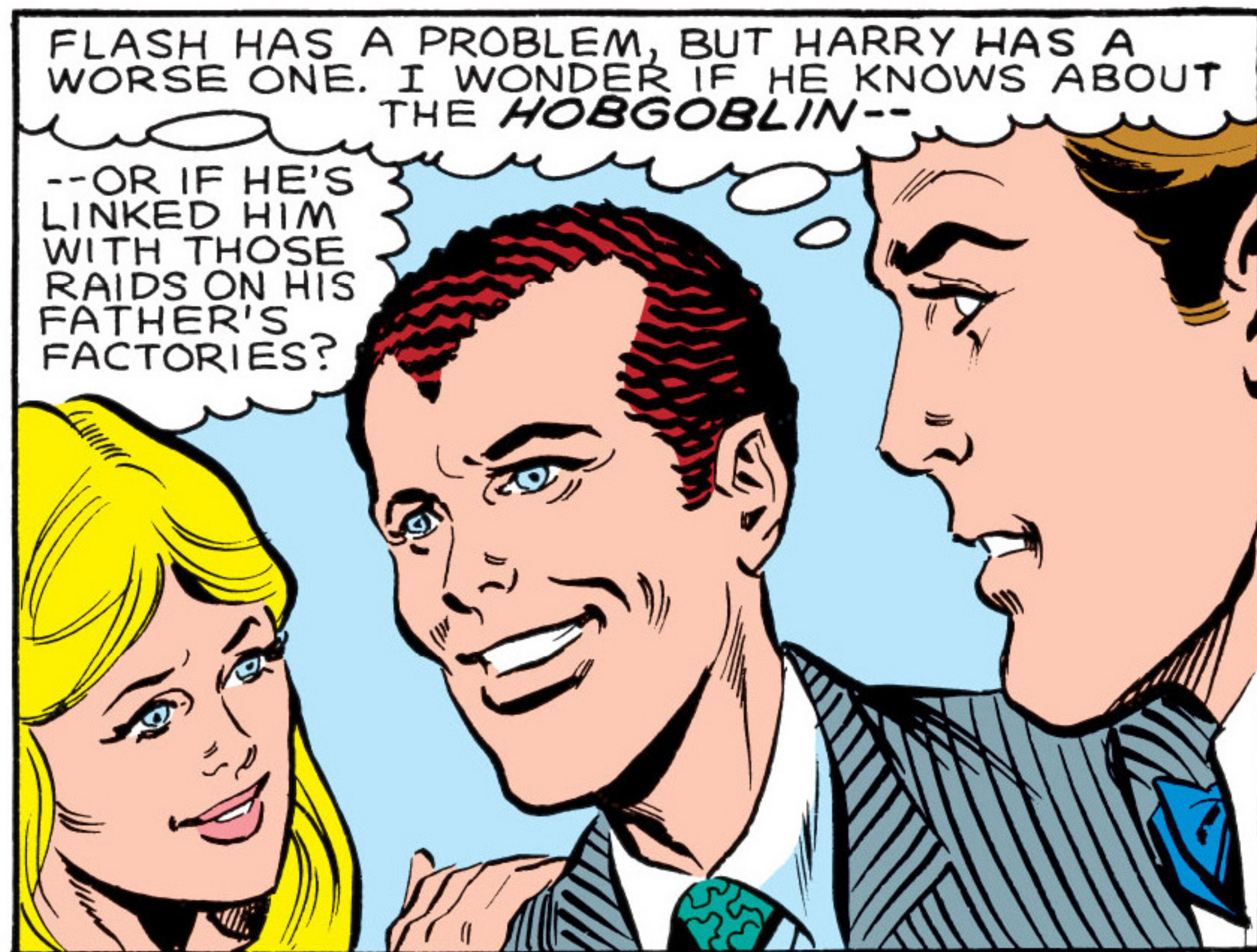
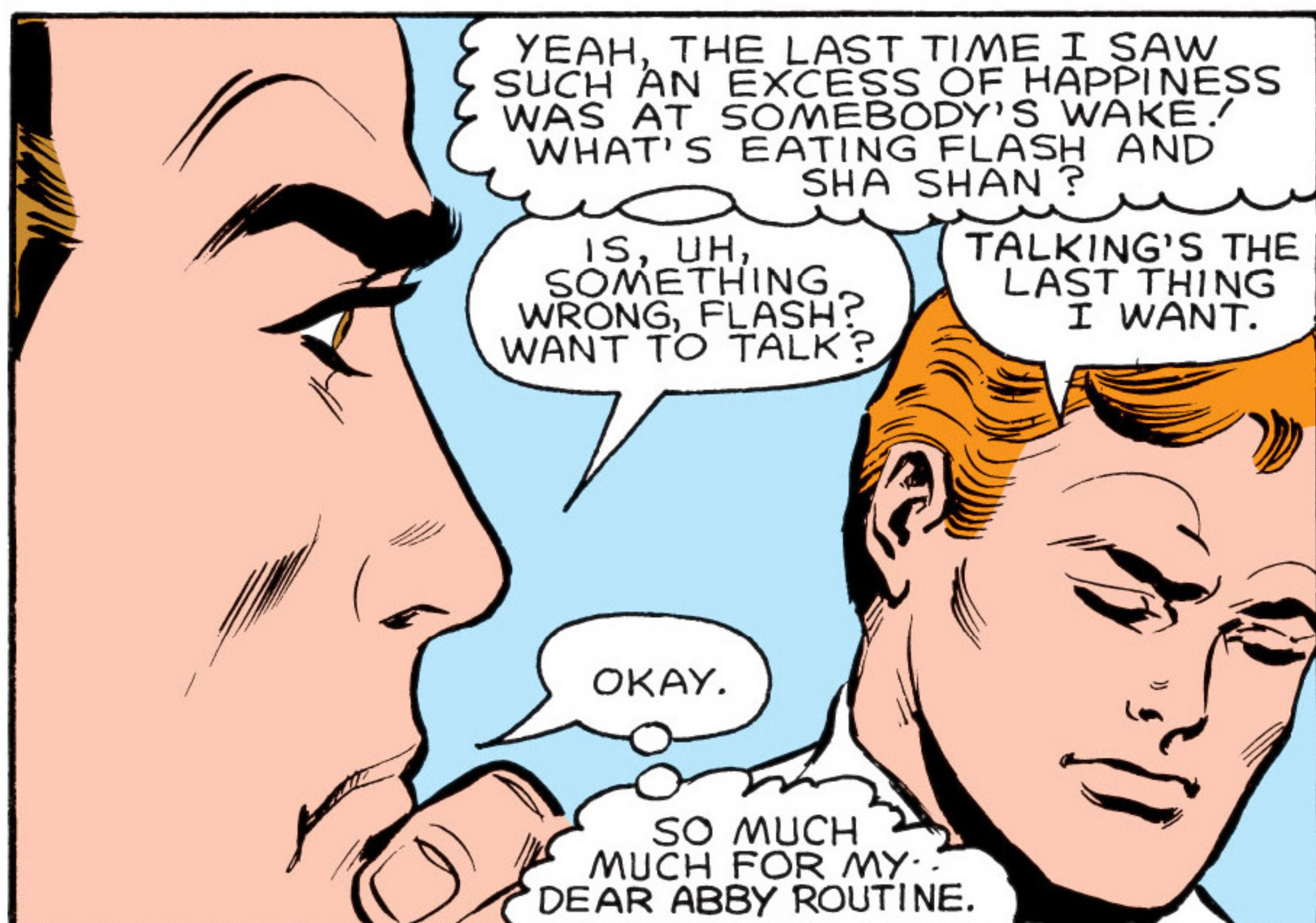
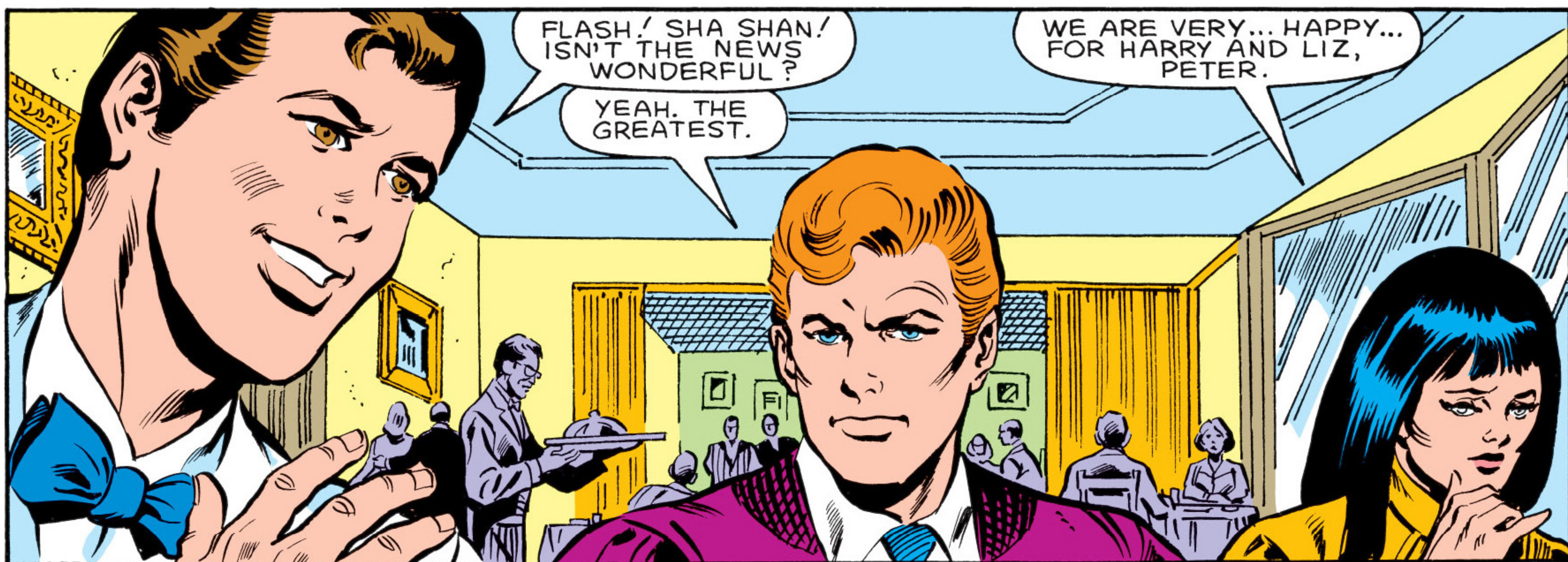
OH, MARY JANE! YOU DID COME! I... WE WEREN'T SURE--!

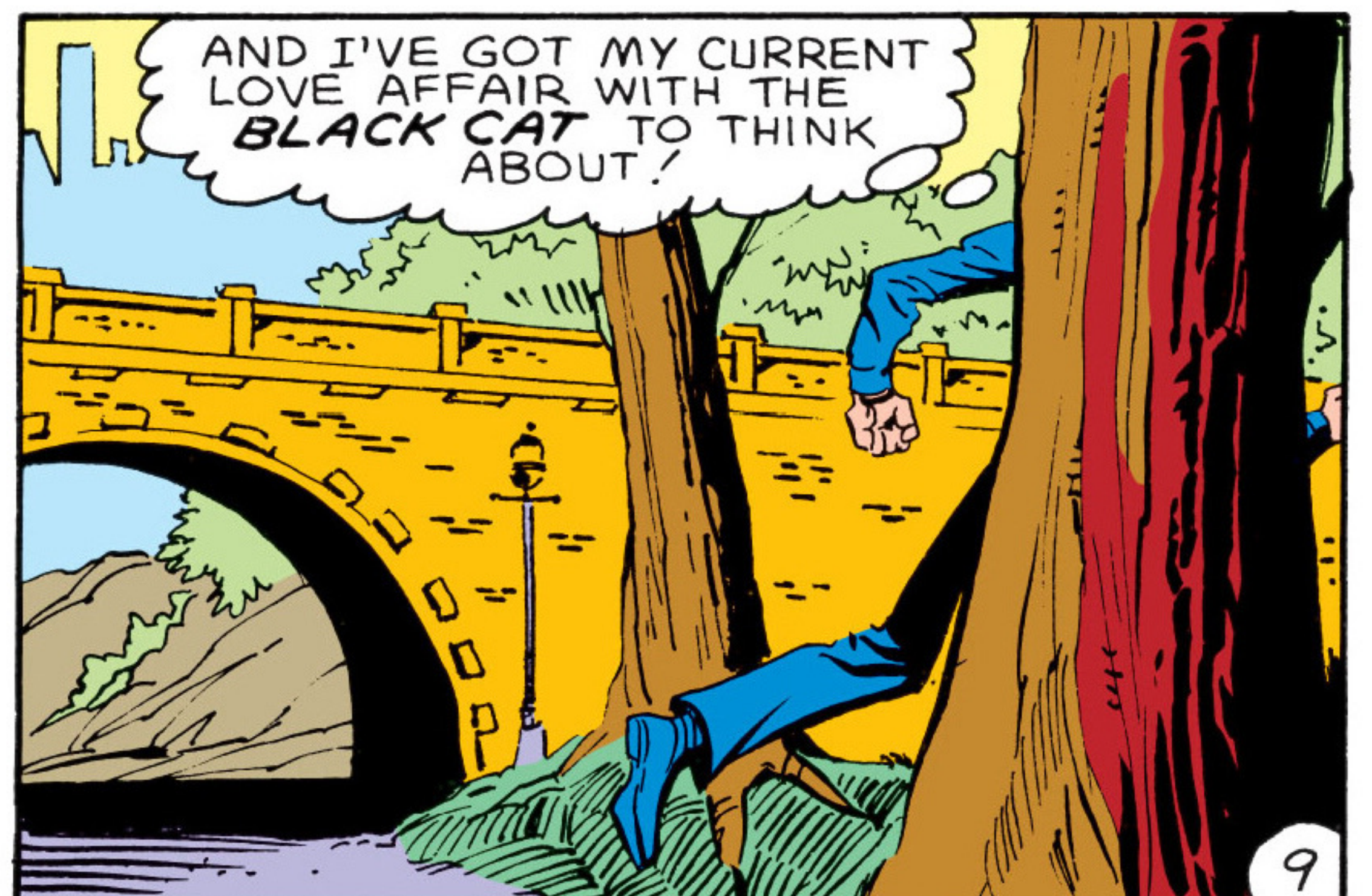
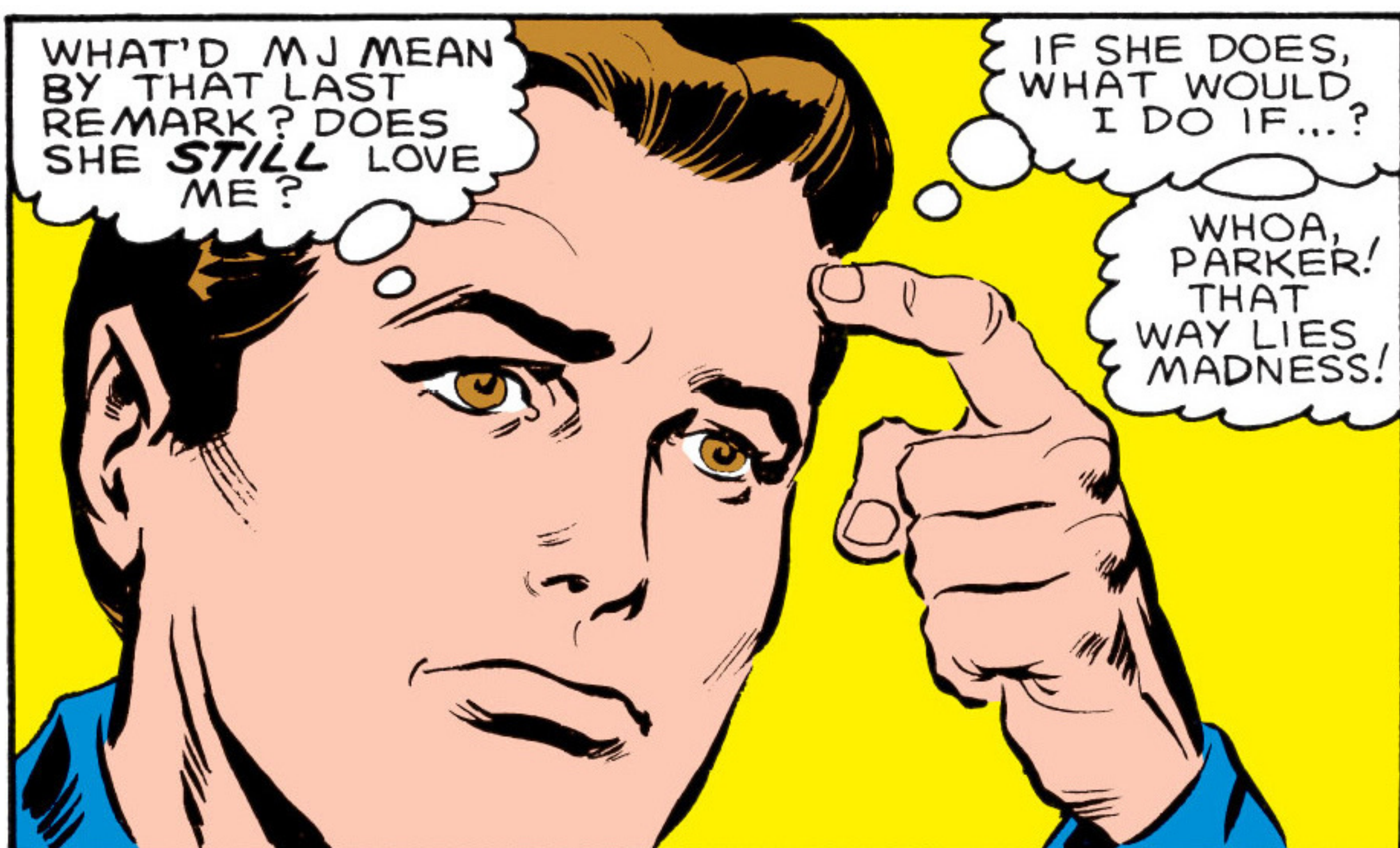
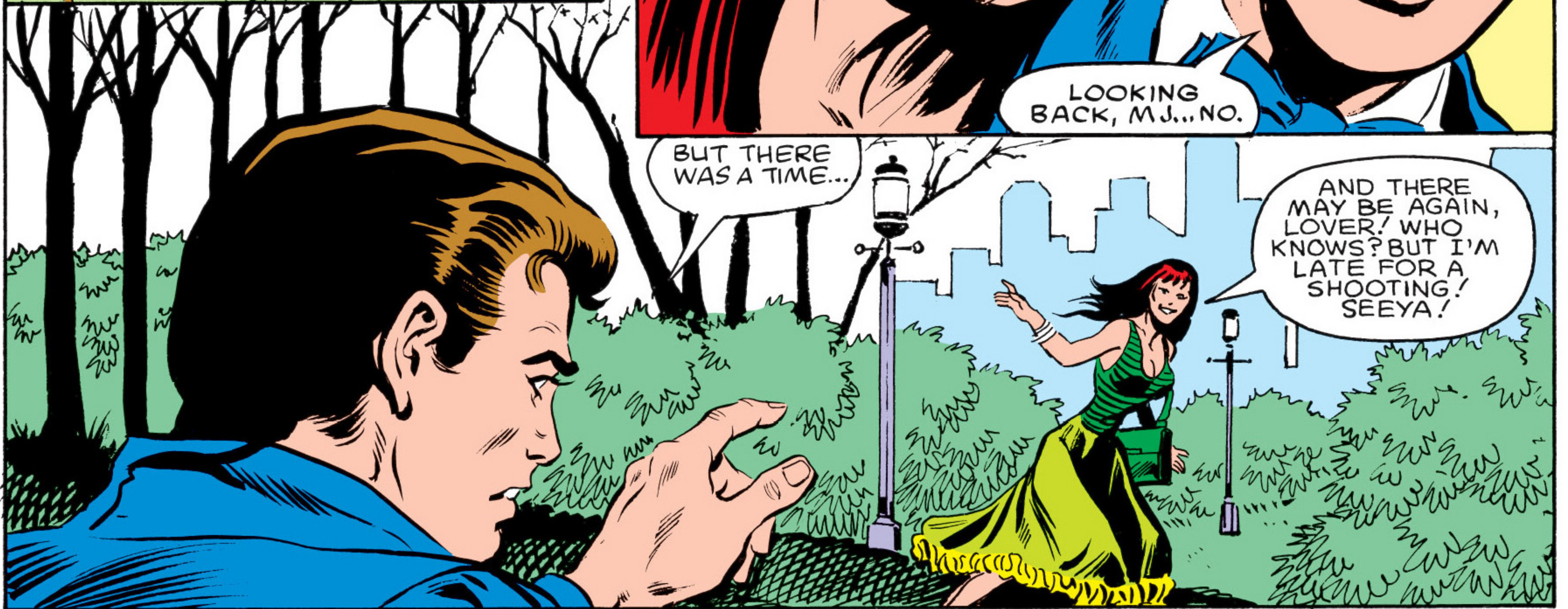
THAT WAS SILLY, LIZ! JUST BECAUSE I'M FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY-FANCY DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T CARE FOR MY FRIENDS!

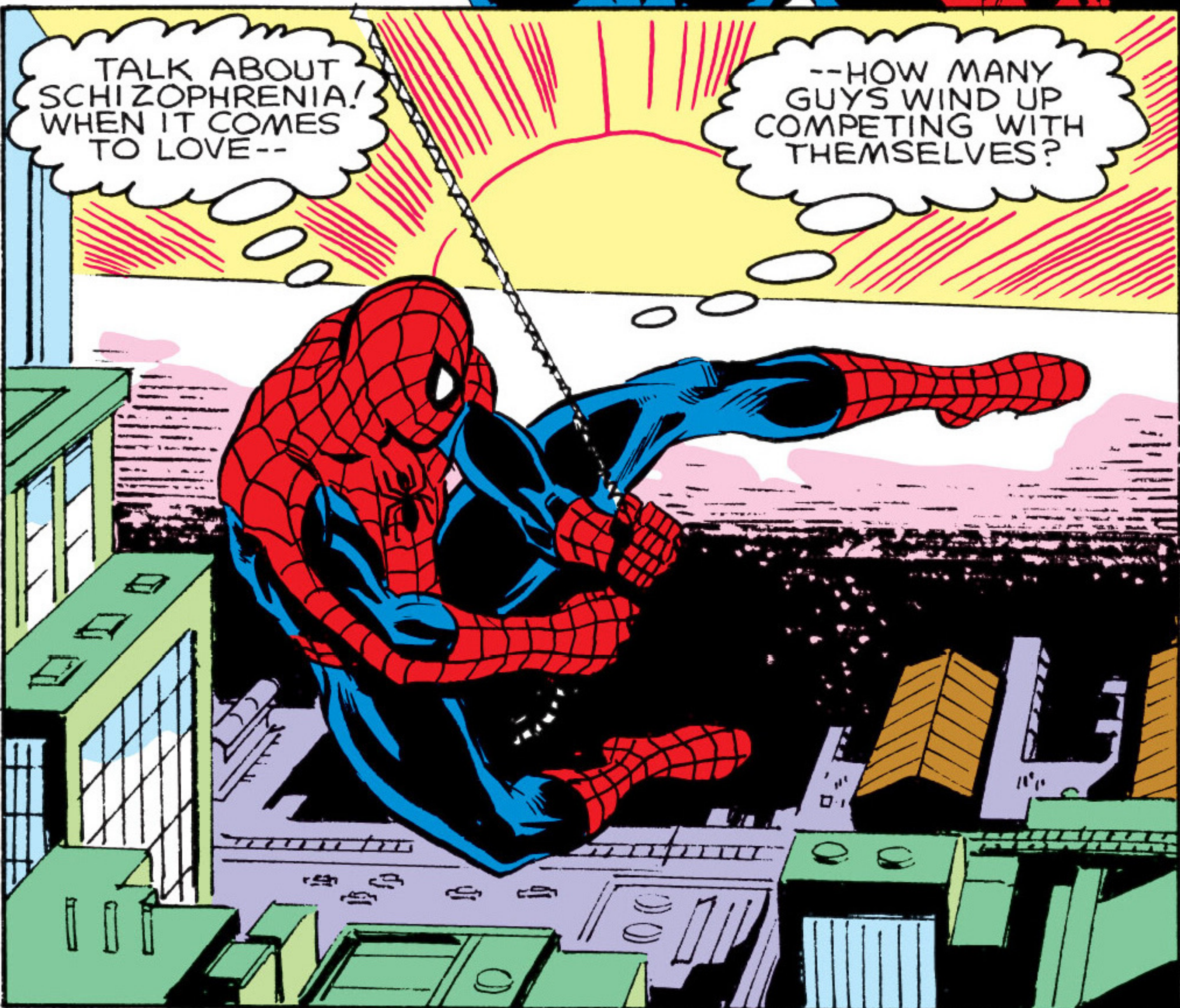
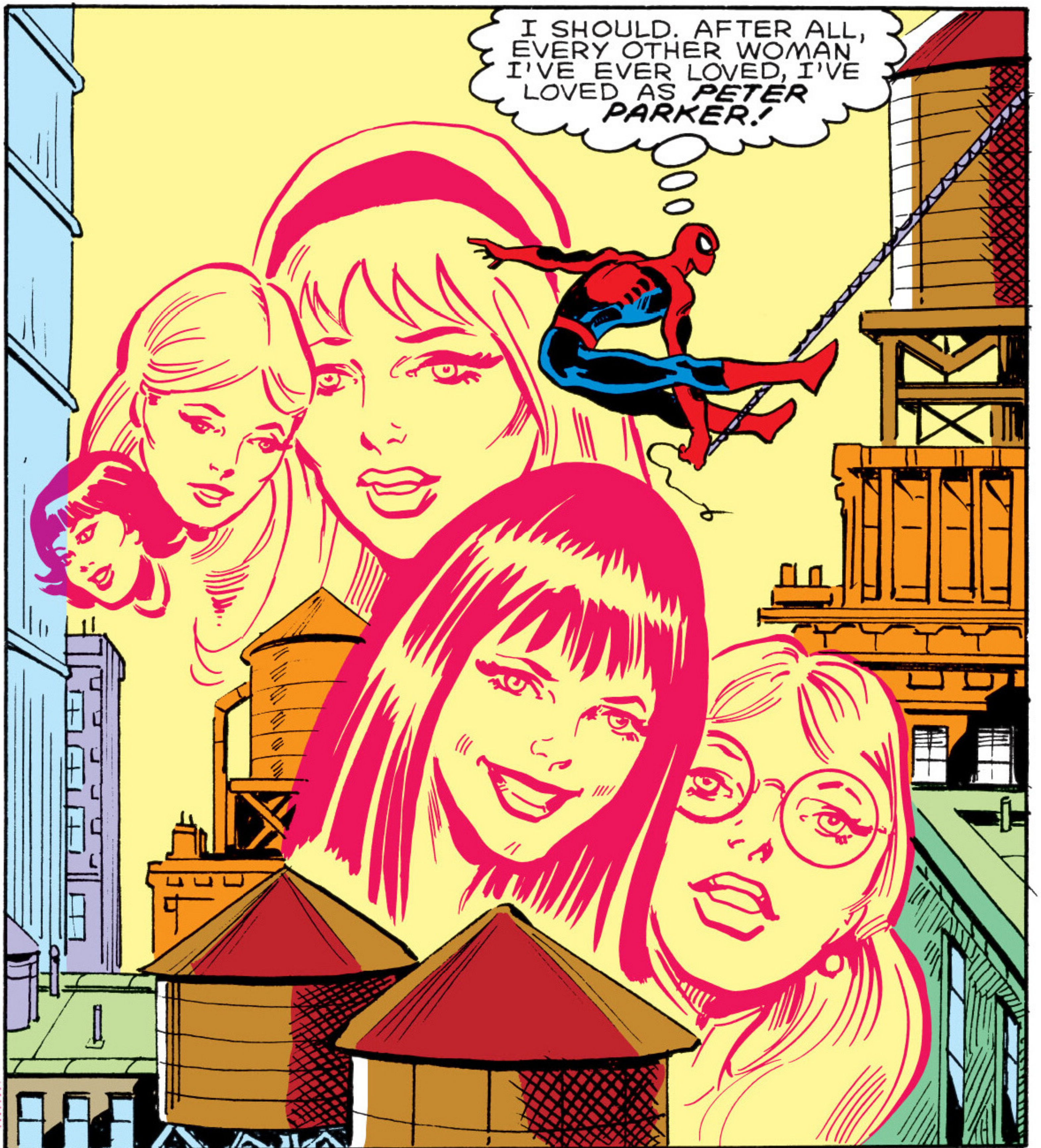
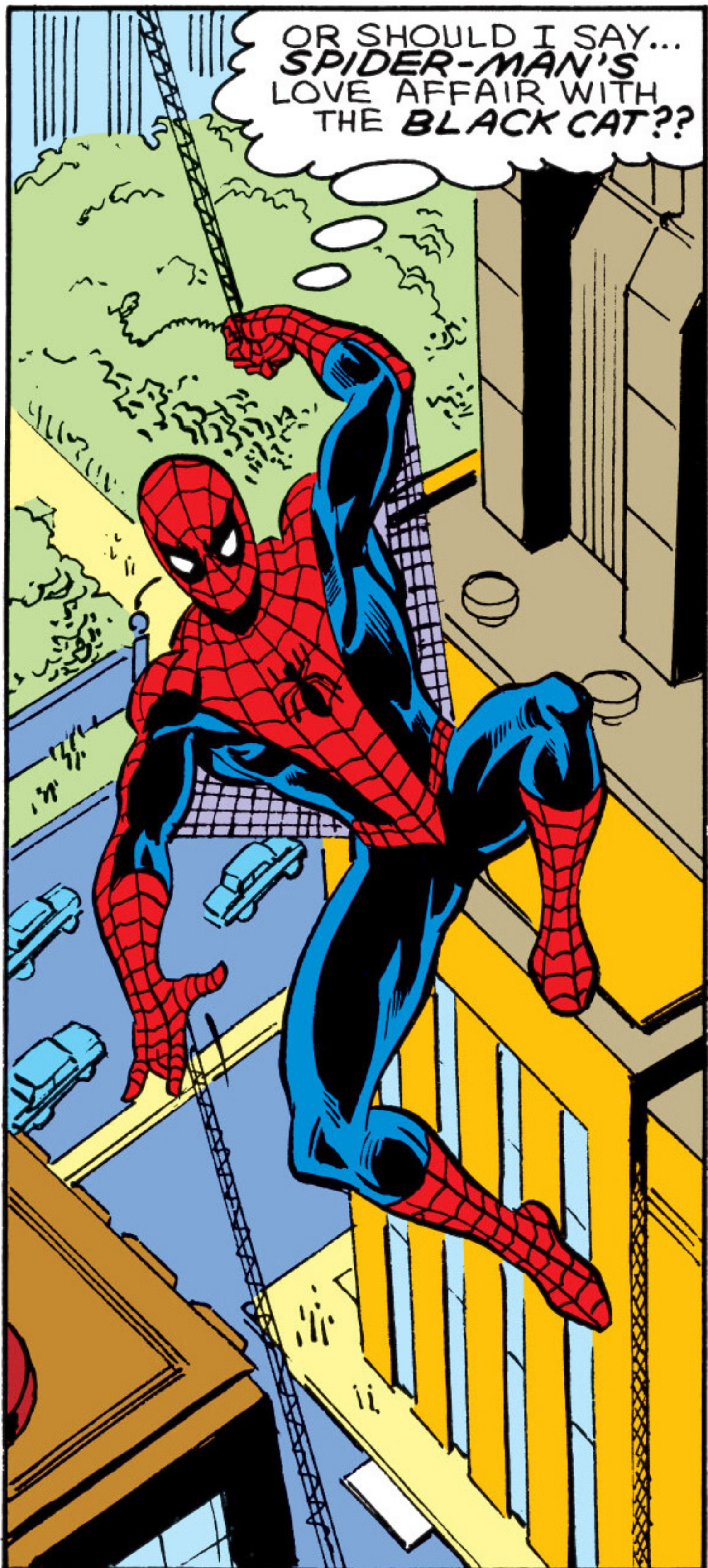
I LOVE YOU AND HARRY-- AND I'M GOING TO LOVE YOUR BABY!

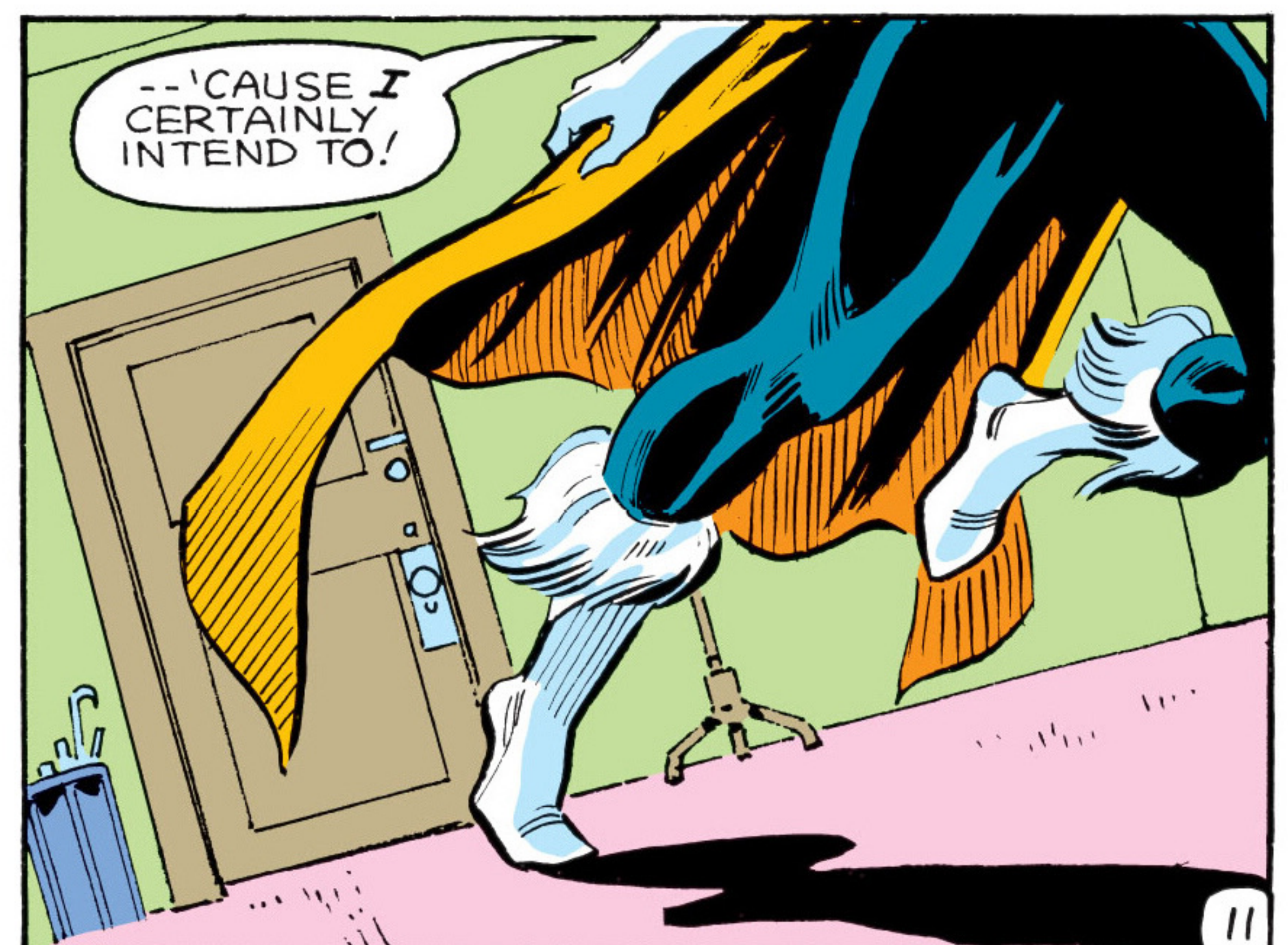
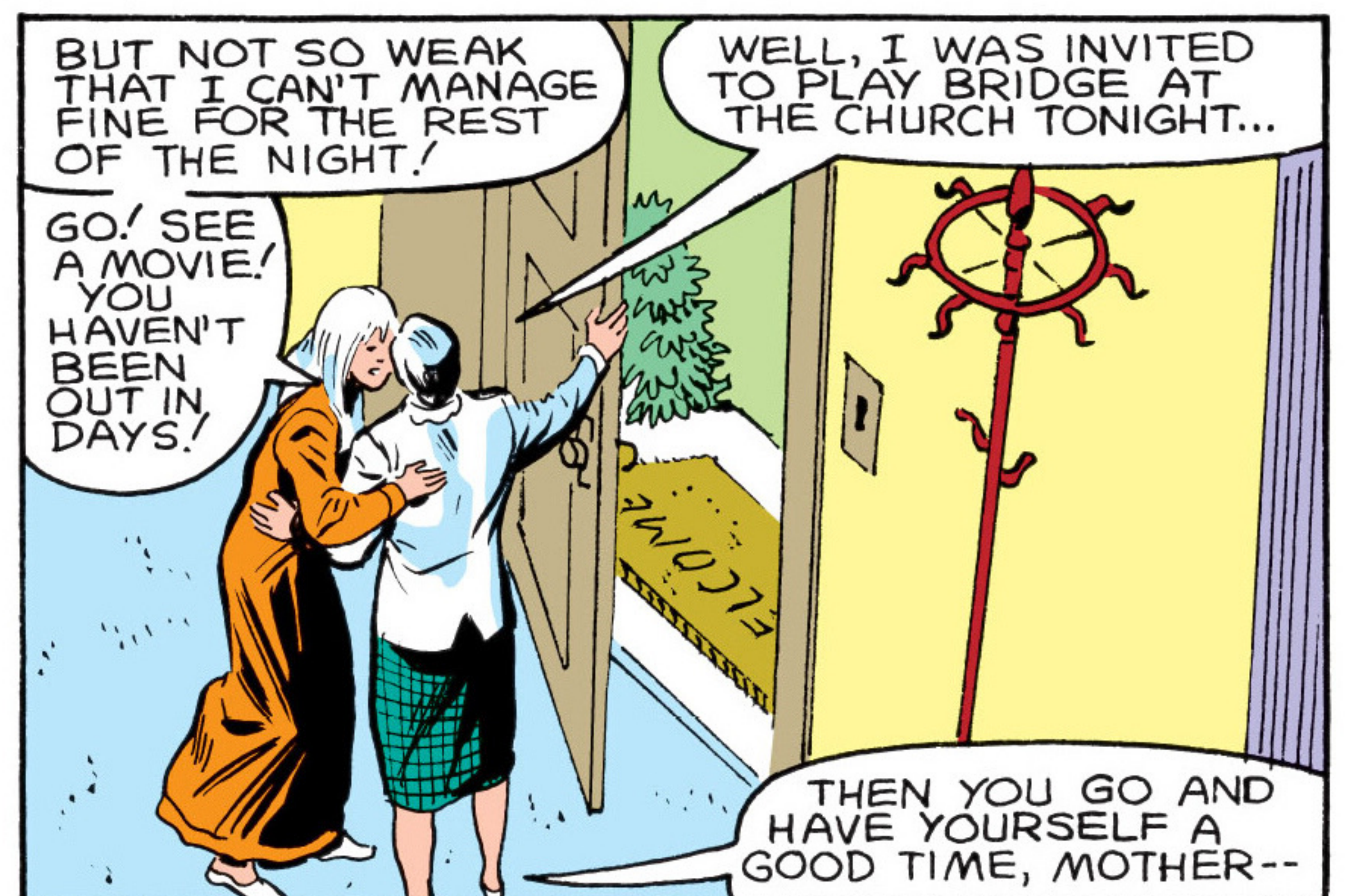
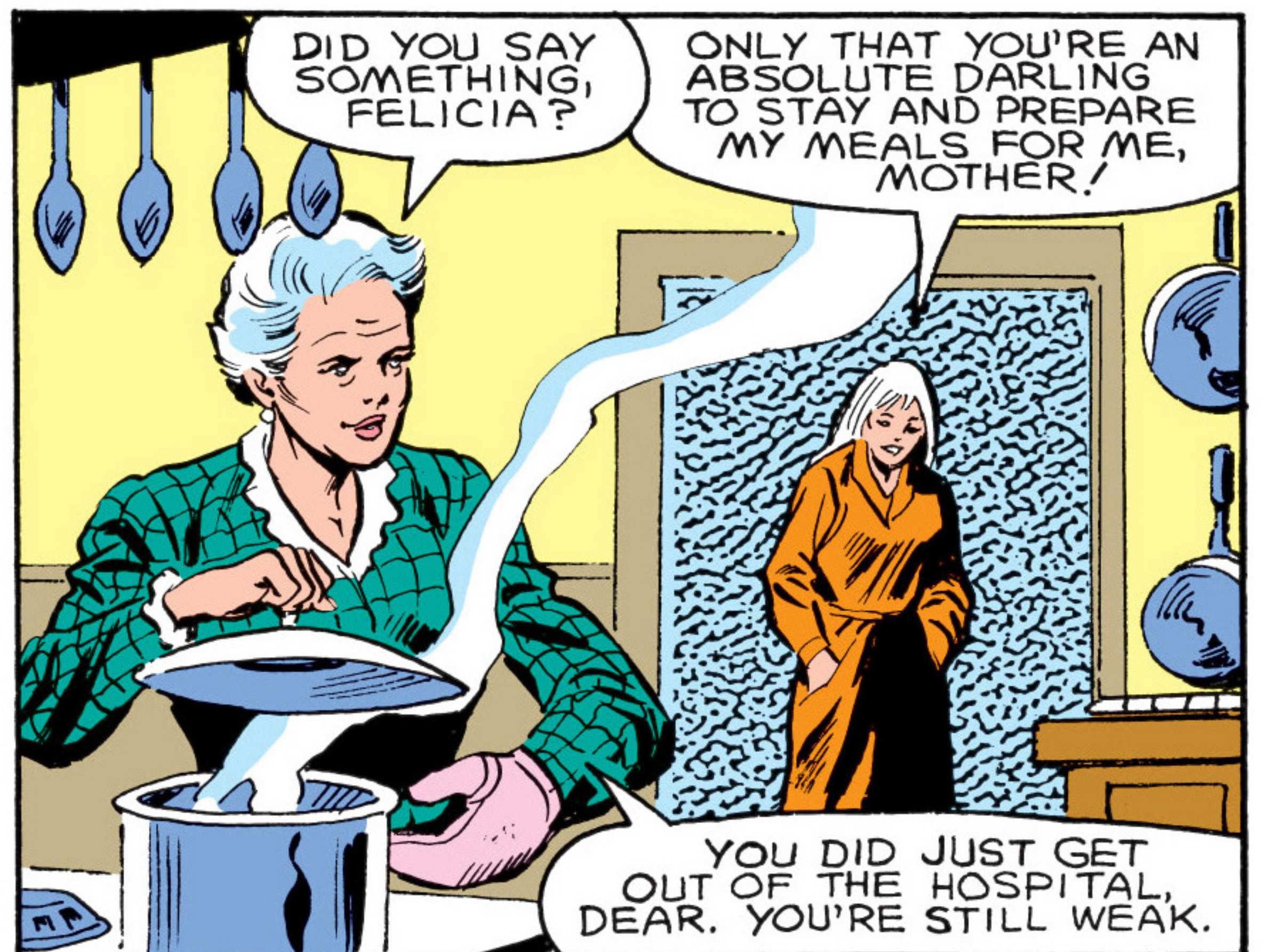
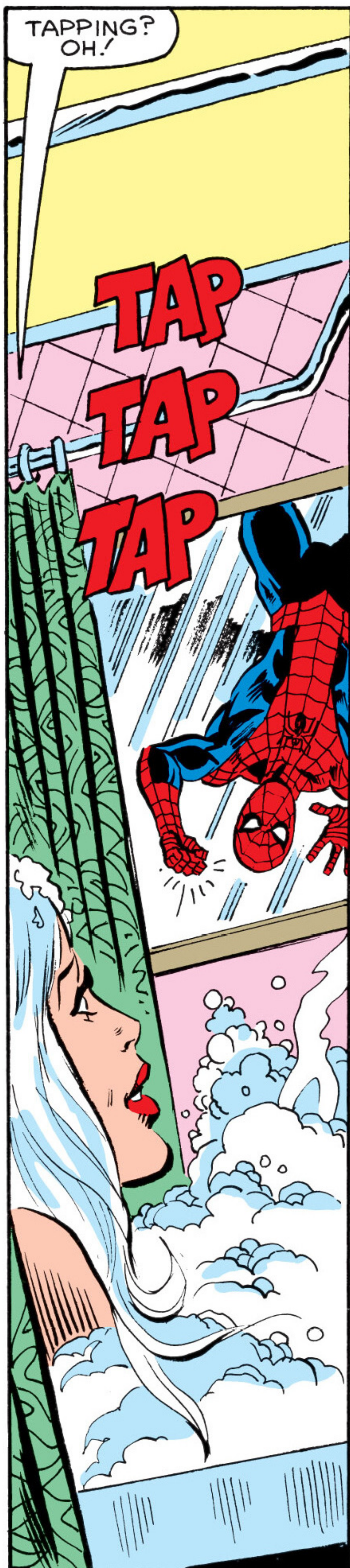
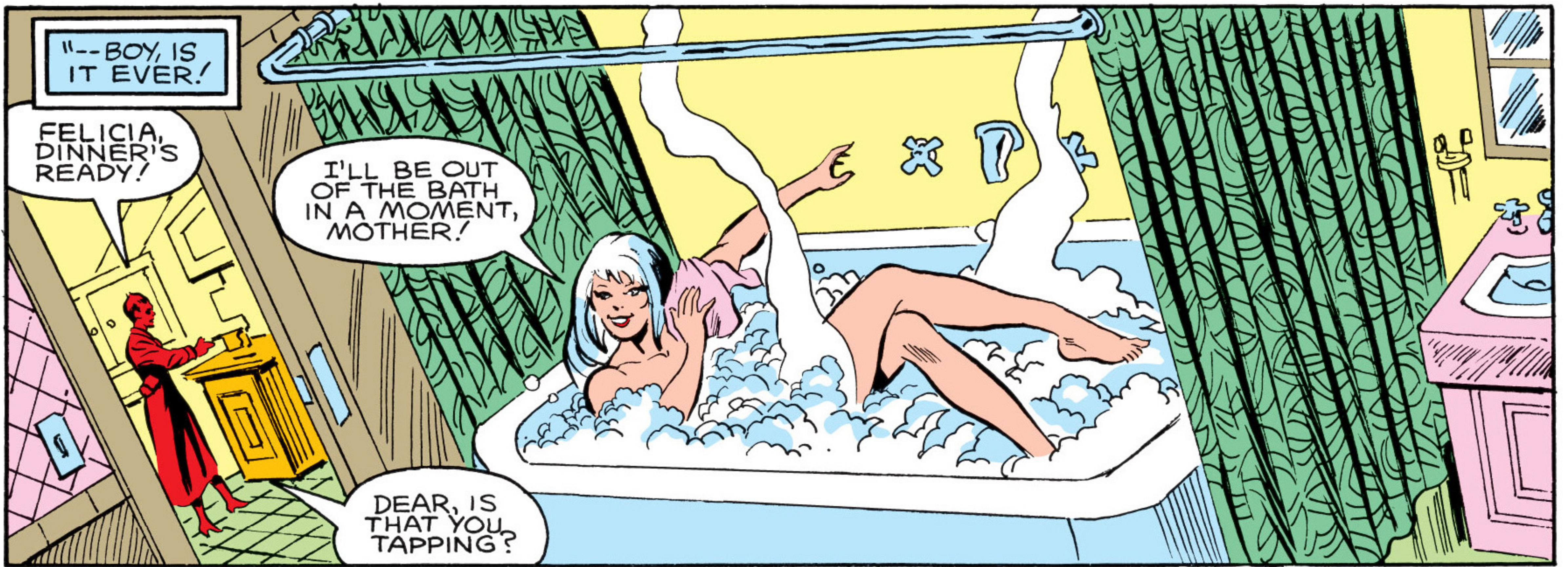
THERE ARE TEARS, THEN, OF JOY...

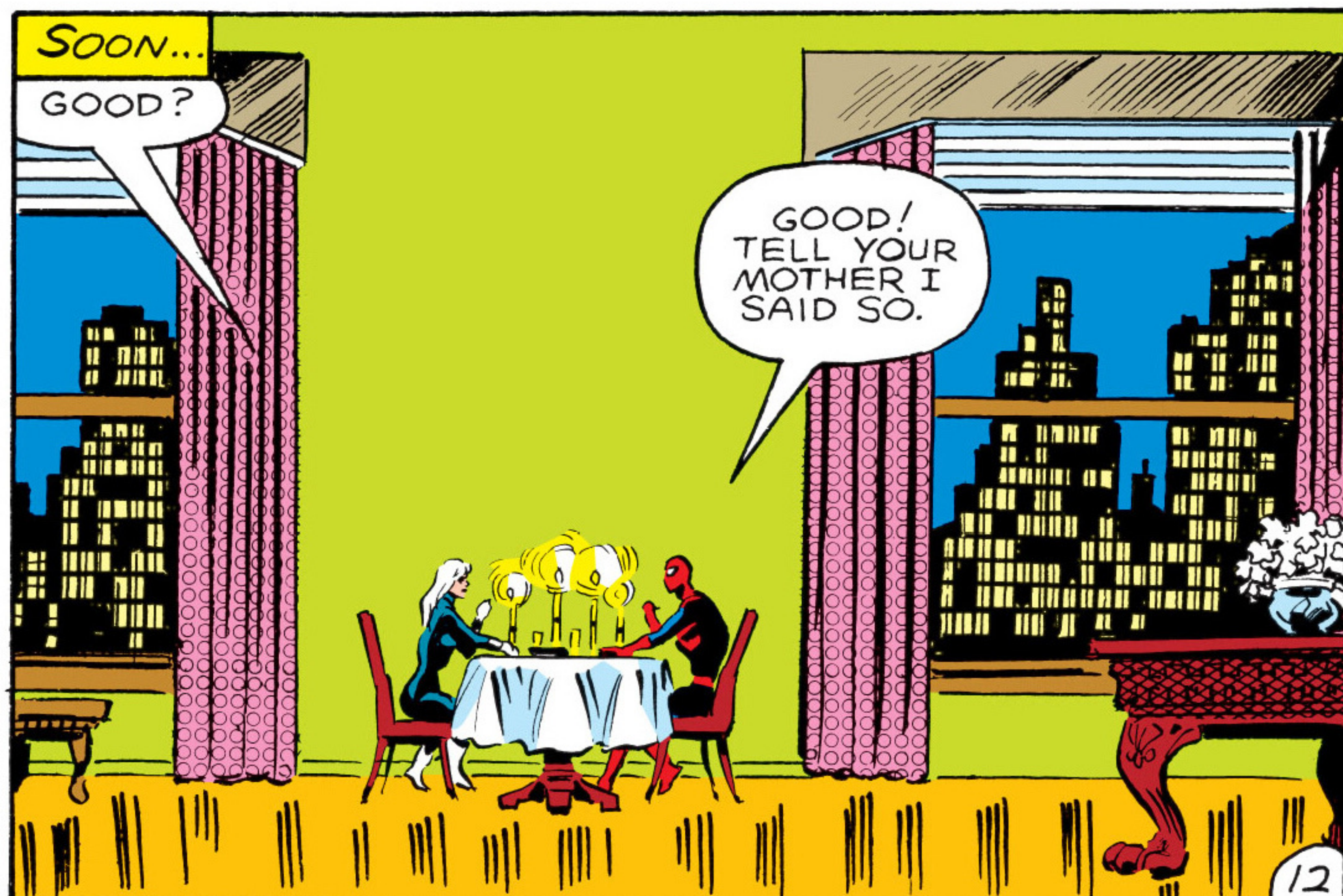
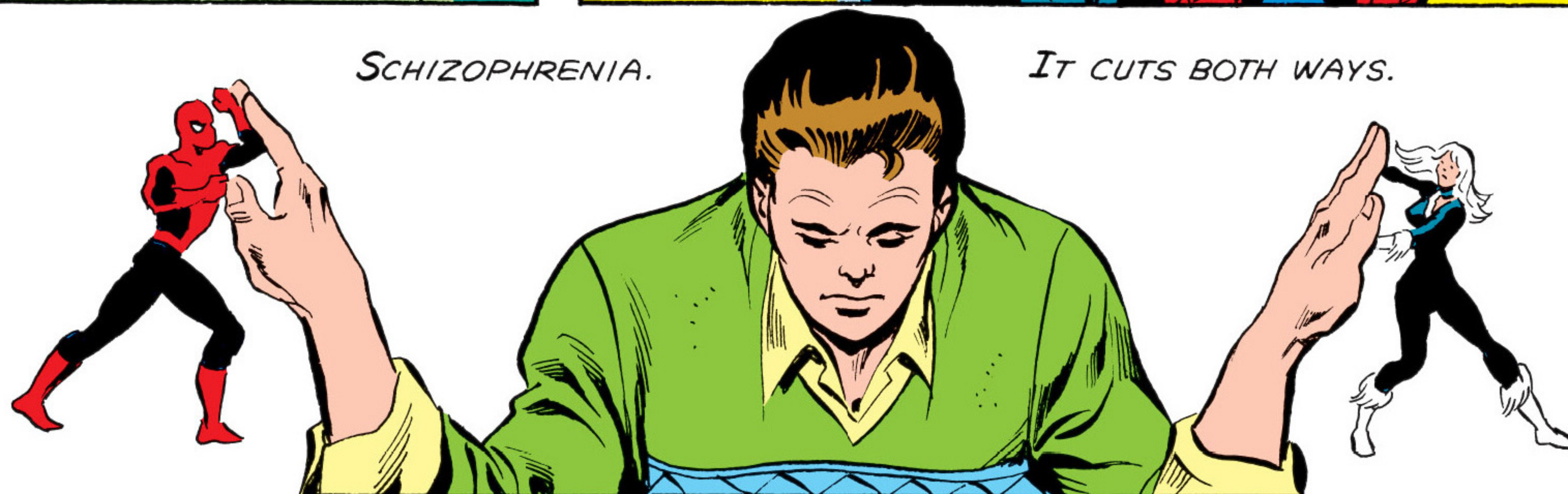
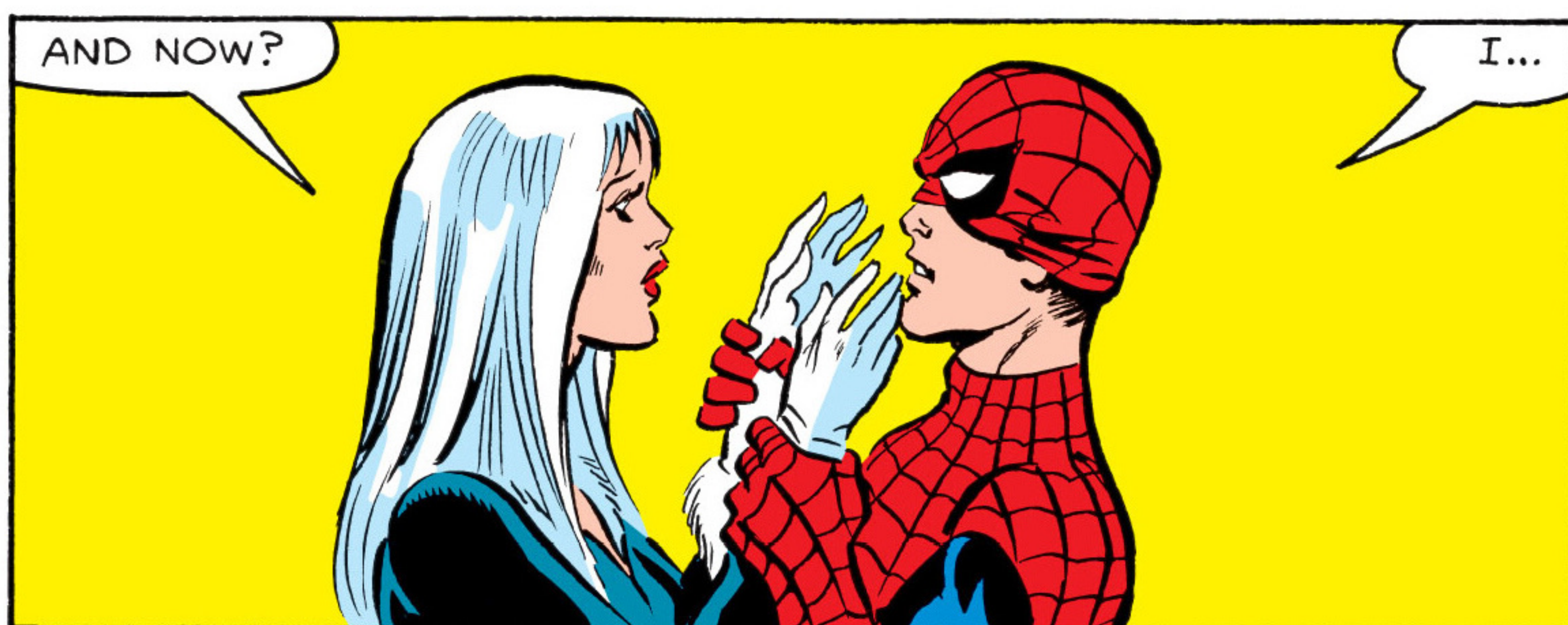
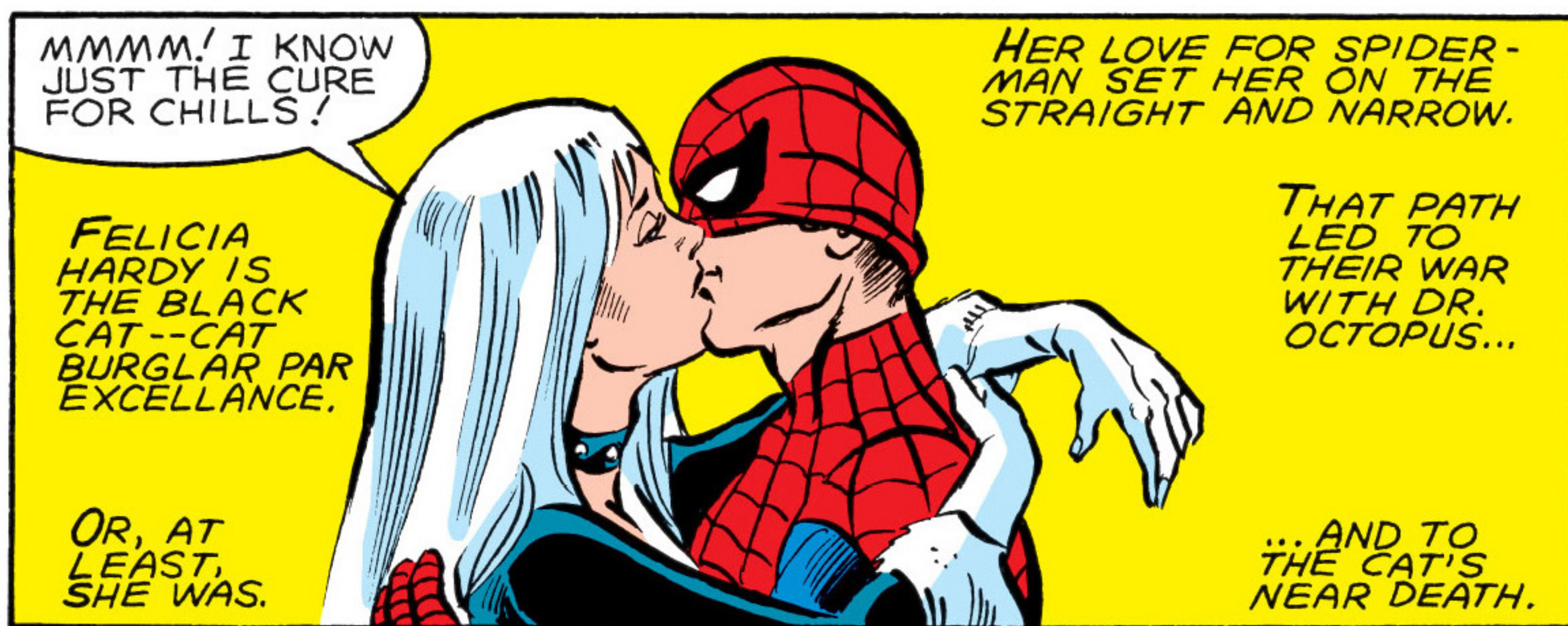
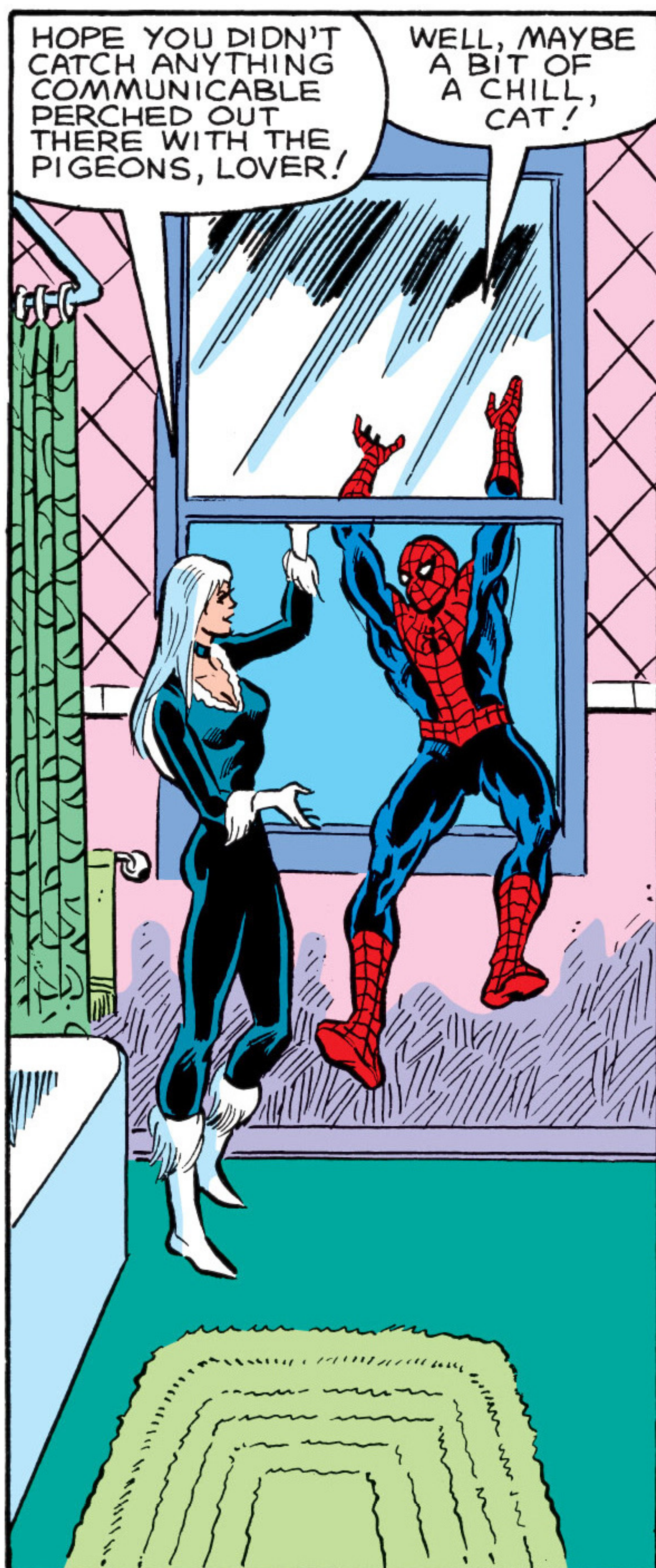
... AND CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND.

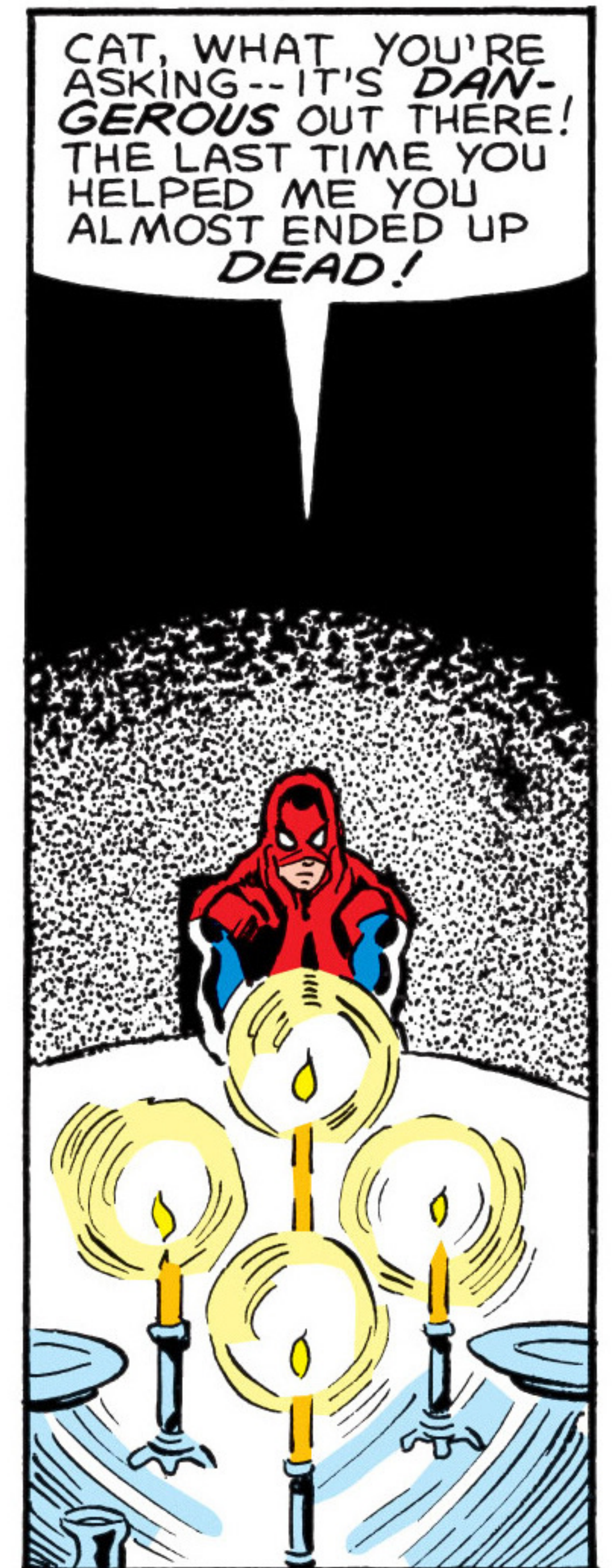
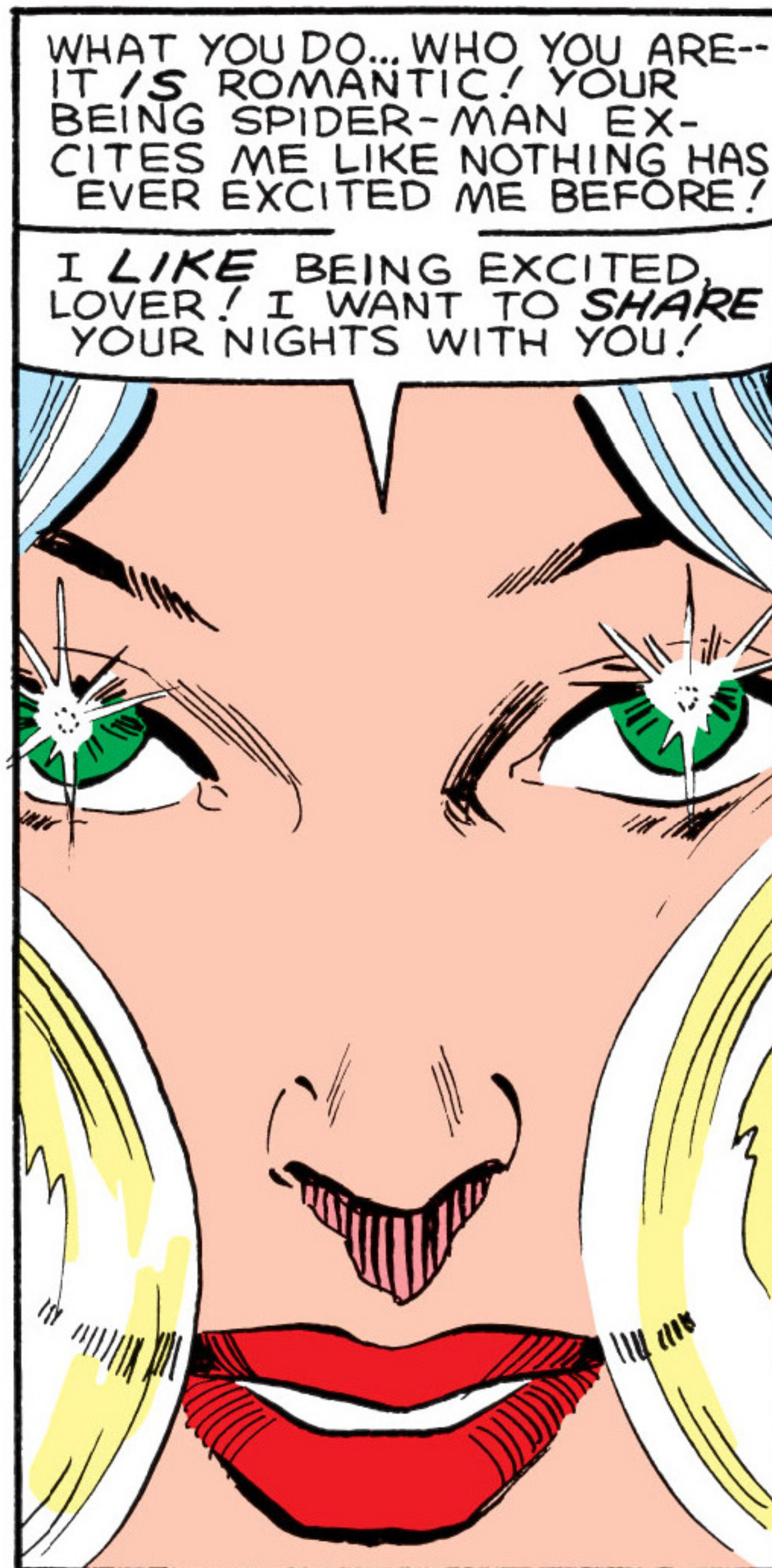
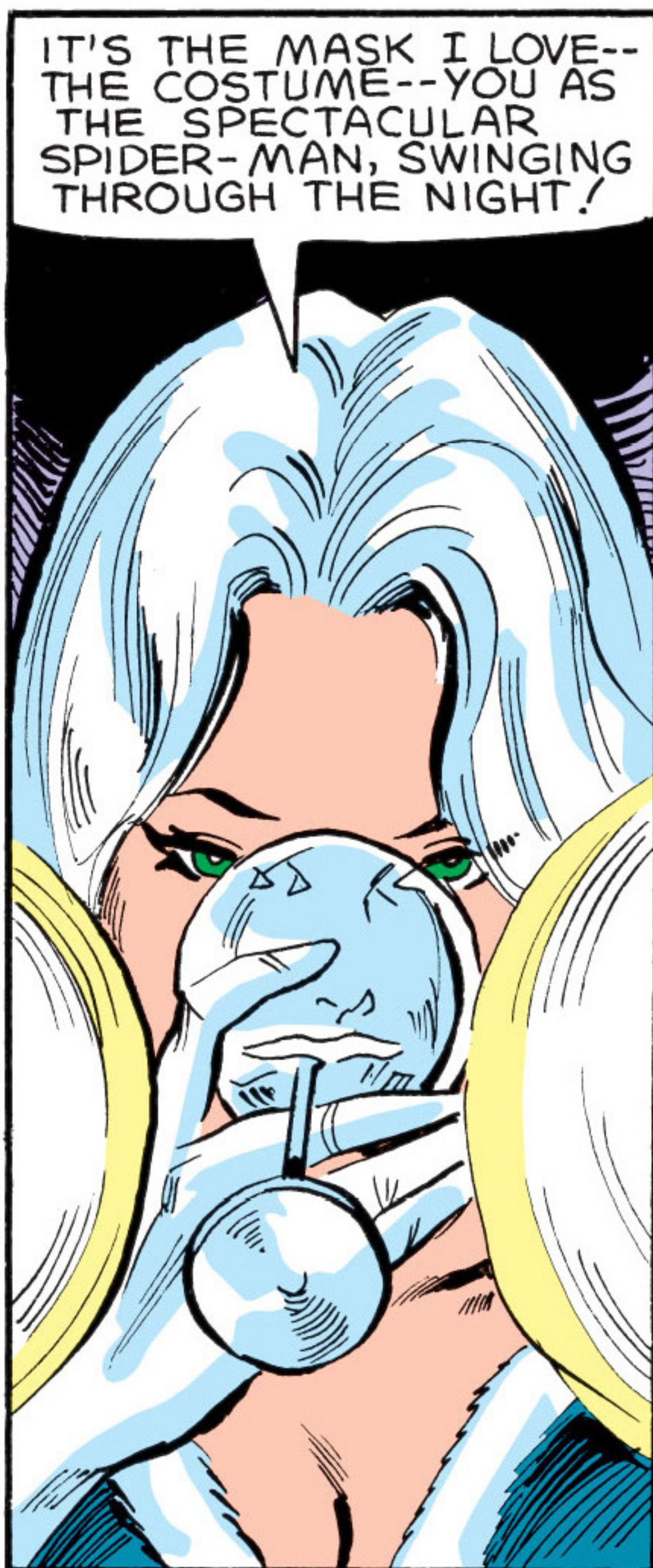
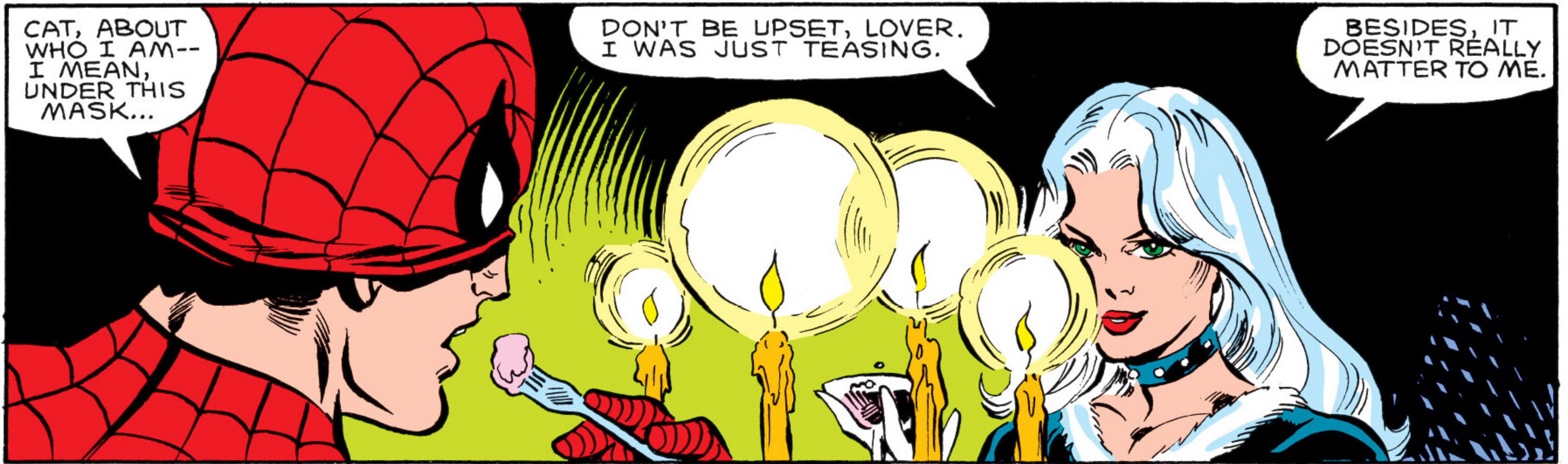


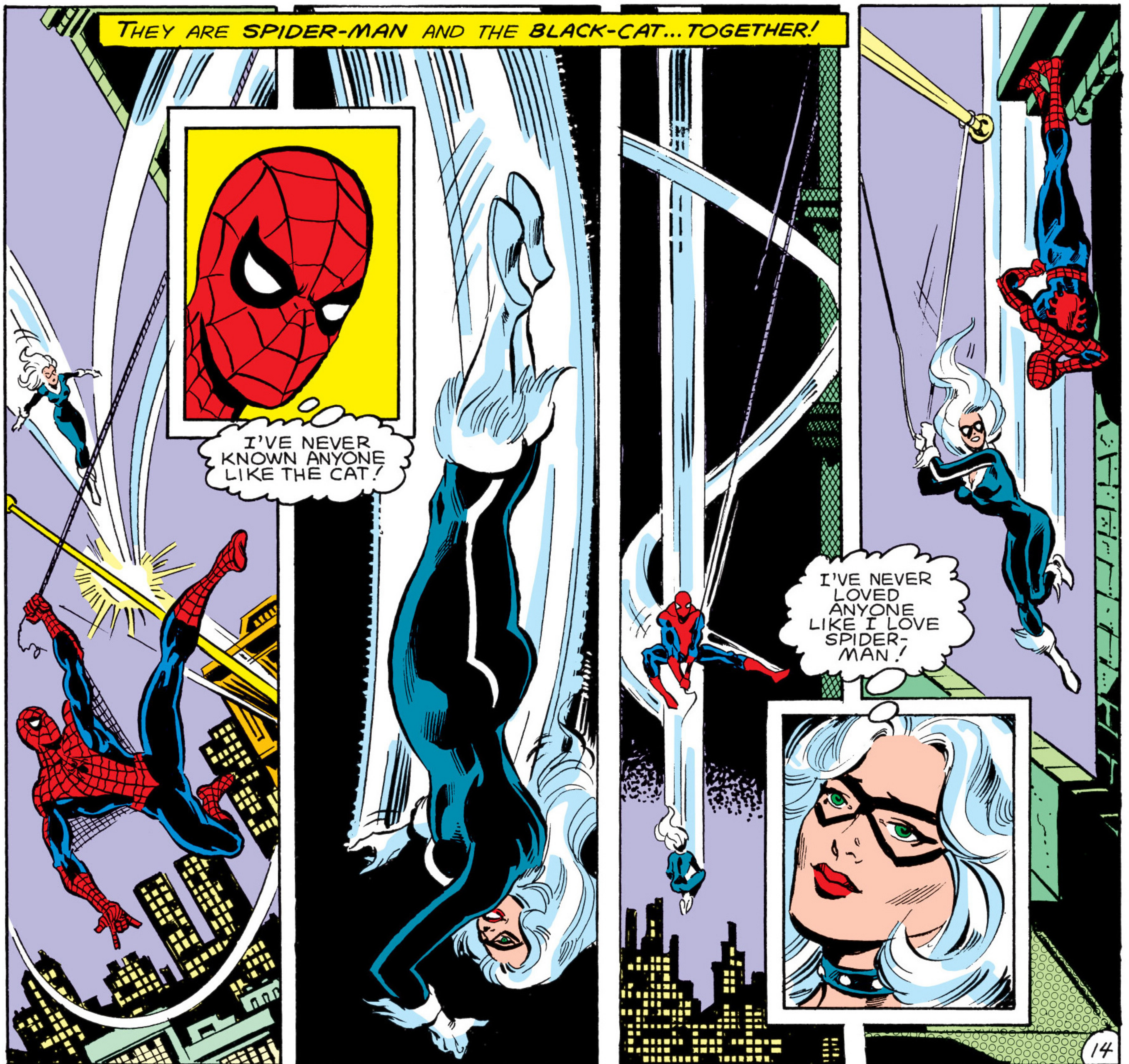
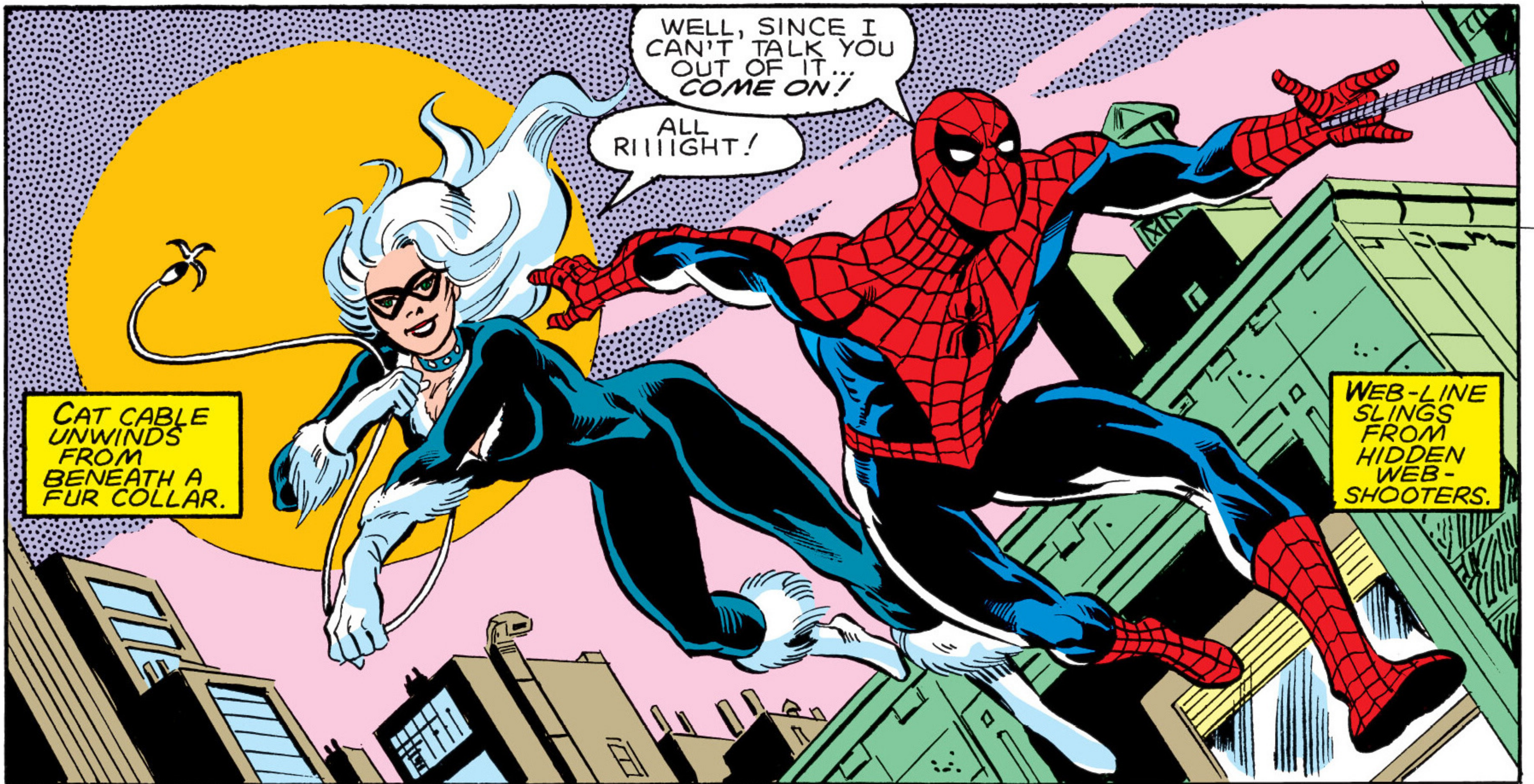




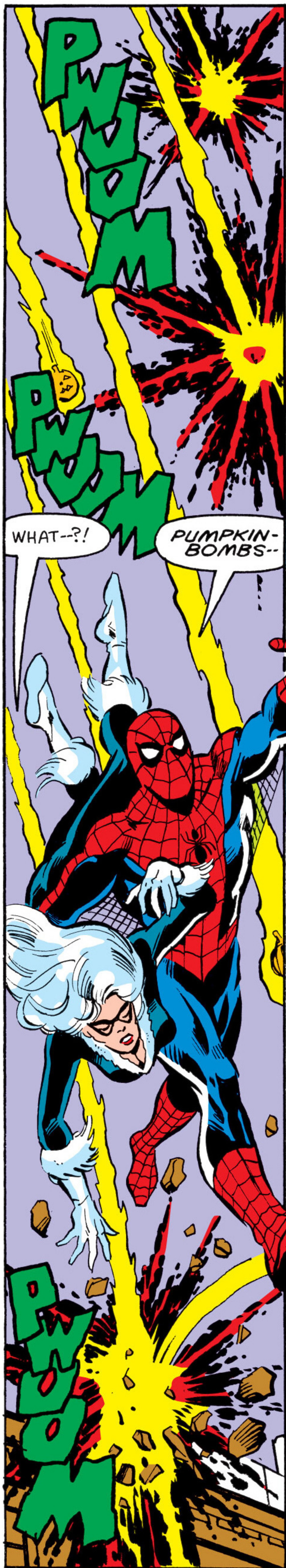










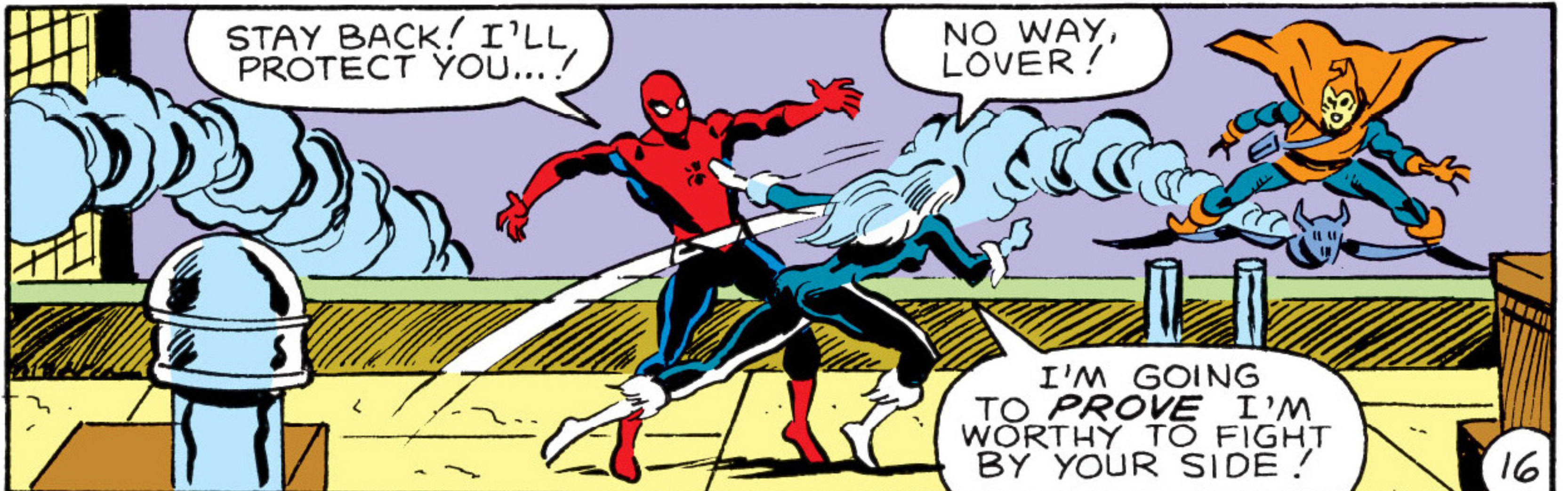


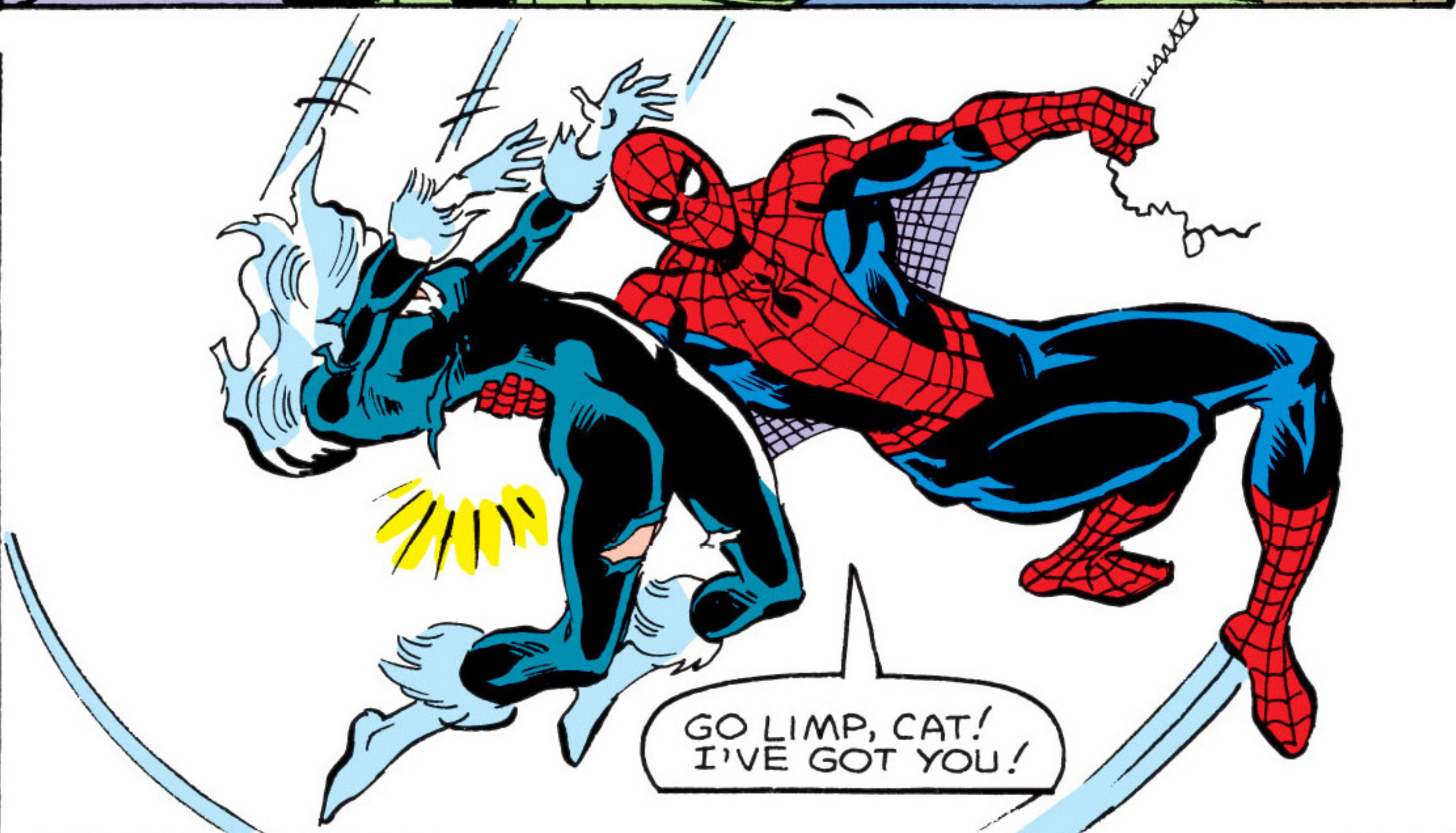
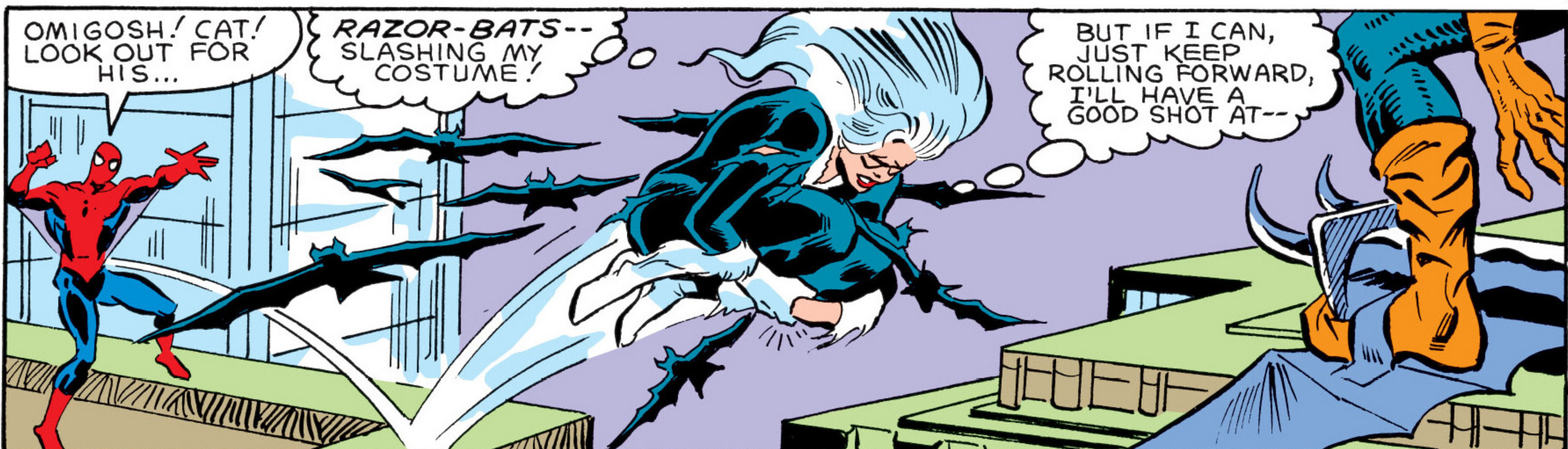
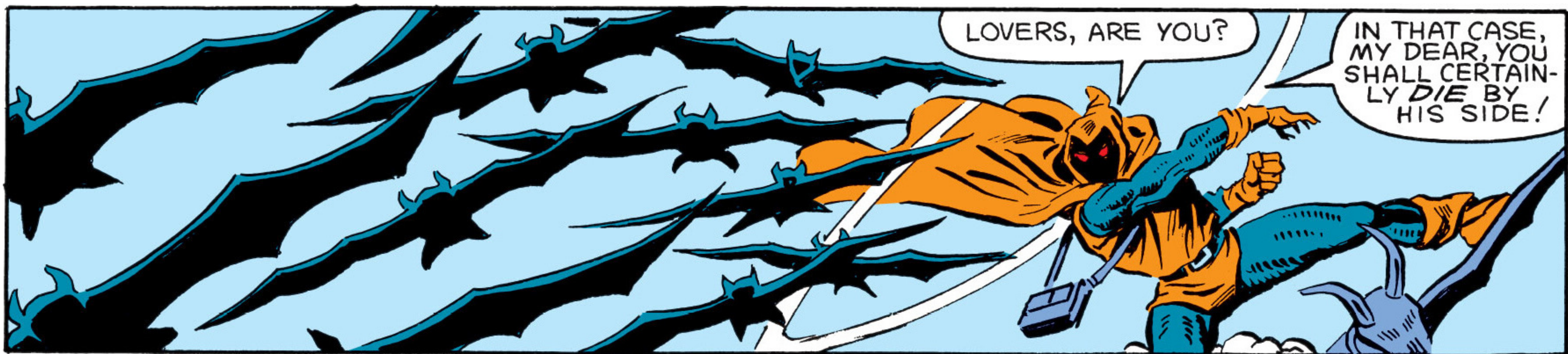
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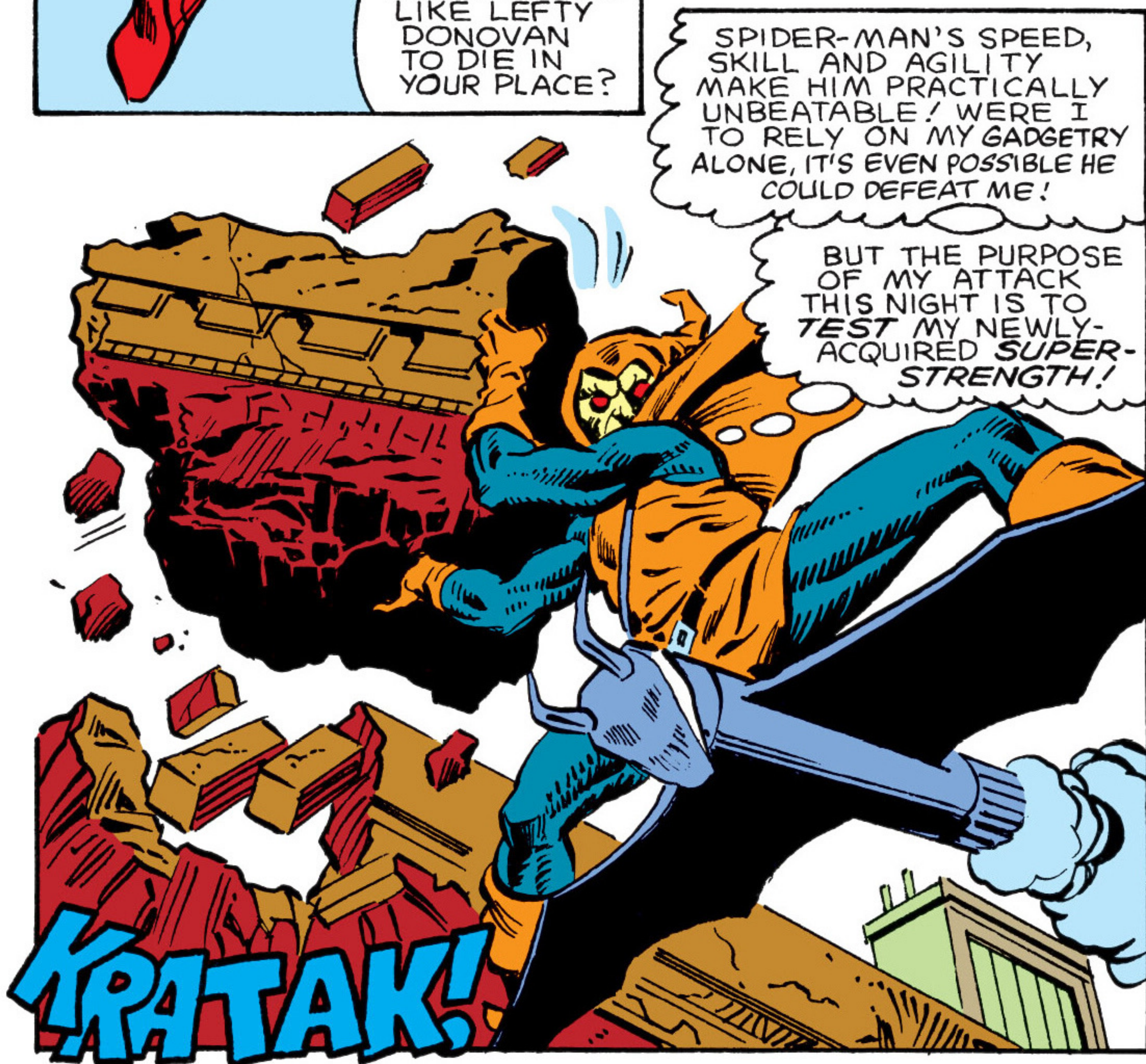
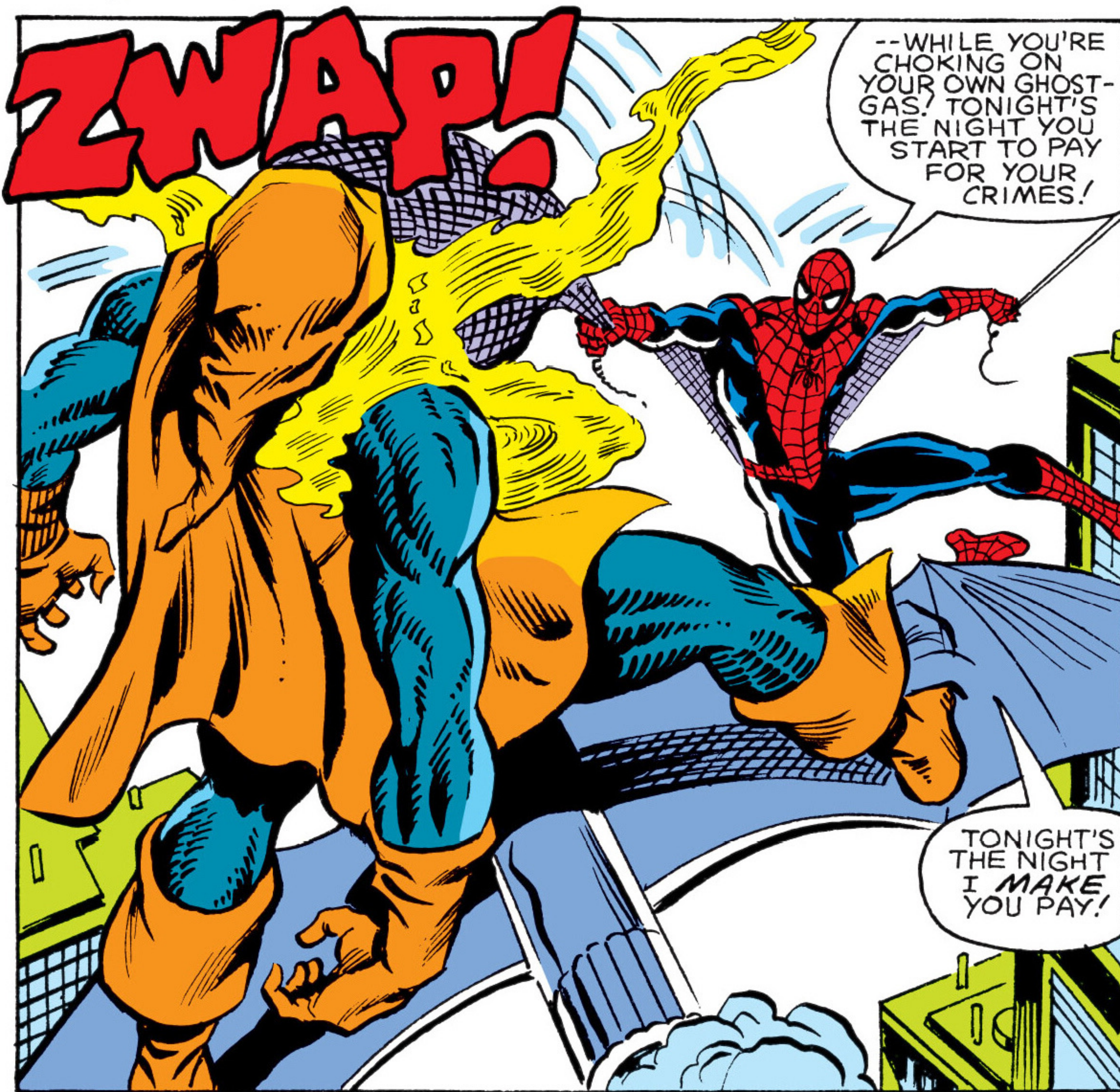
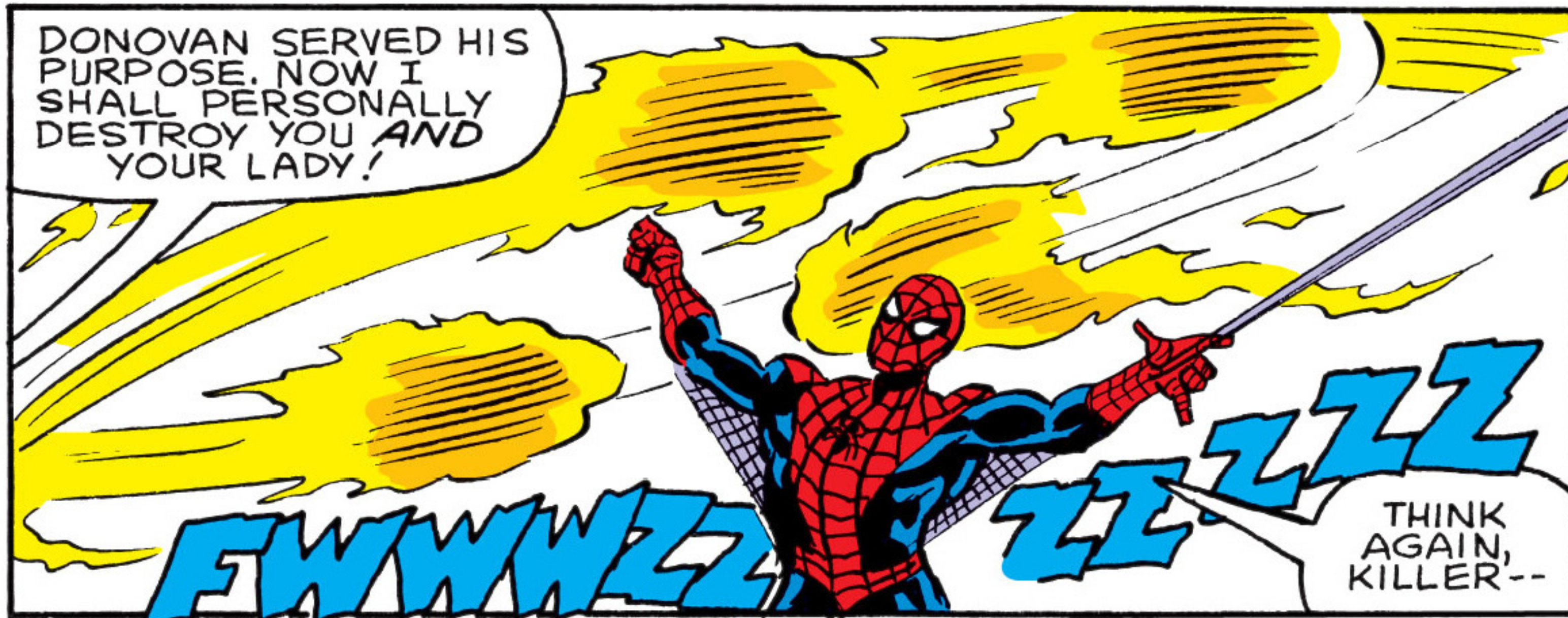
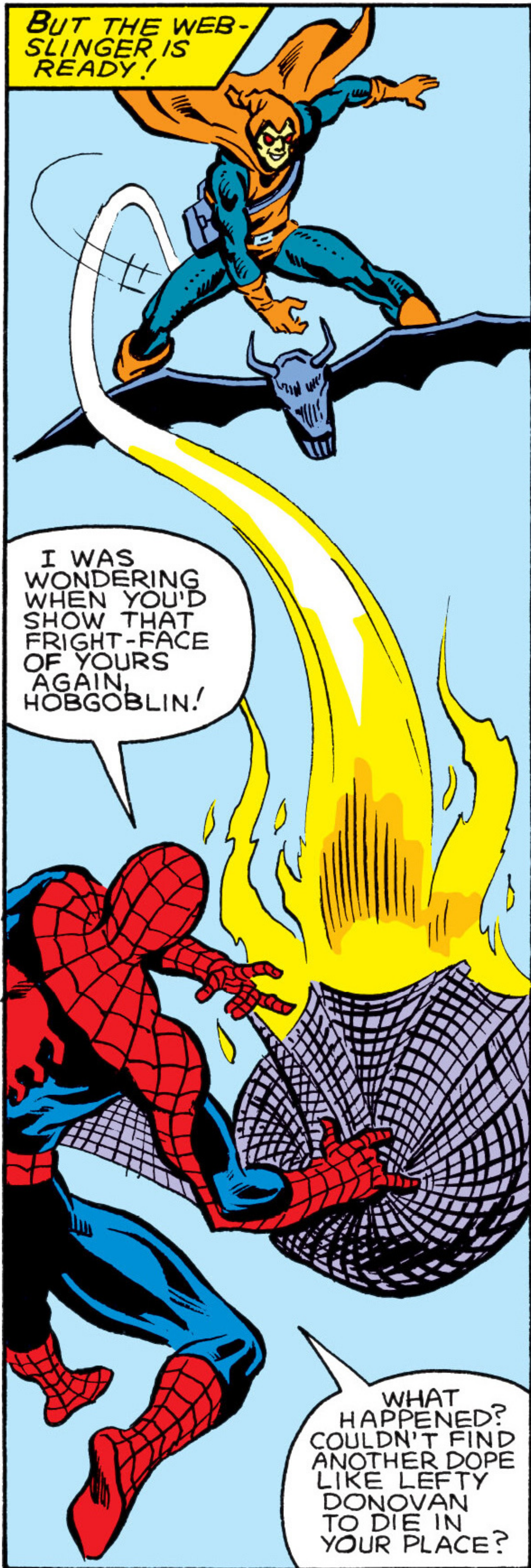
PUMPKIN-BOMBS--



--HURLED BY THAT HELL-FIEND, THE HOBGOBLIN!

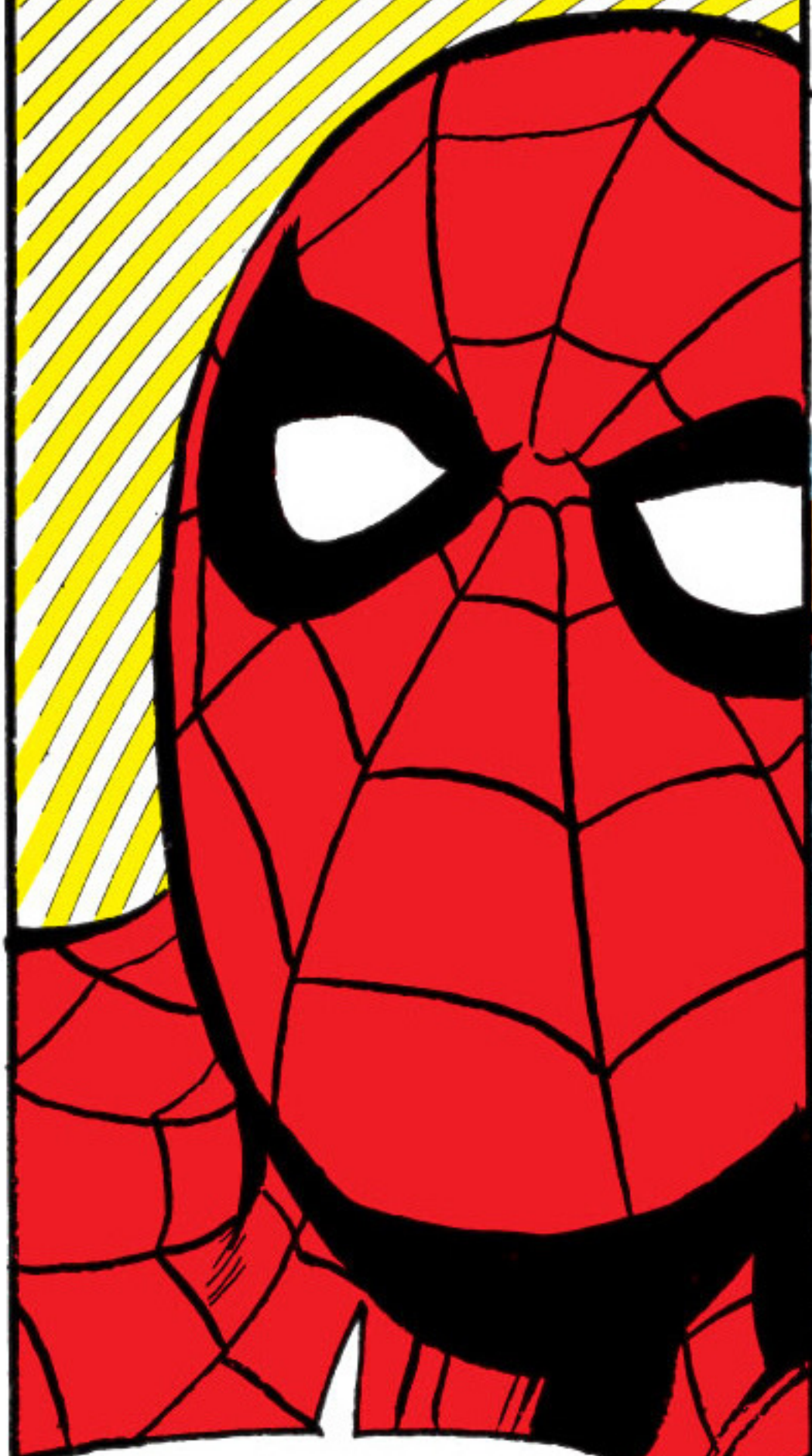






HOBGOBLIN RIPPED THE STONWORK FROM THAT BUILDING WITH EASE, AND NOW, HE'S HURLING IT AT US AS IF IT WEIGHED LESS THAN PAPIER MACHE!

HE NEVER DISPLAYED THAT LEVEL OF POWER THE FIRST TIME WE FOUGHT!



SOMEHOW HE'S MADE HIMSELF AS STRONG AS THE FIRST GREEN GOBLIN!!



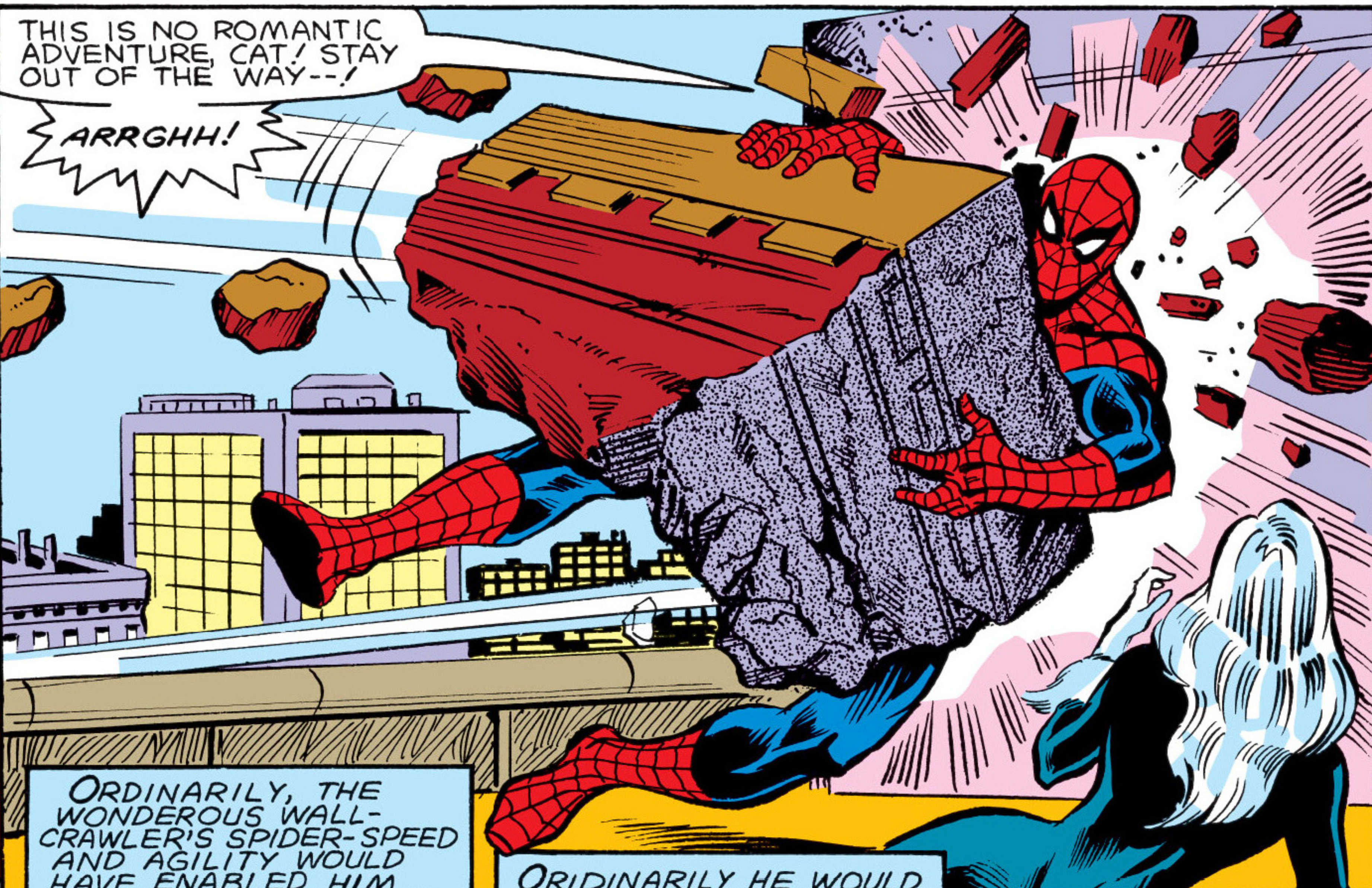
CAT! GET BEHIND ME!

SPIDEY, NO! DON'T PROTECT ME! I WANT TO HELP -- OOFF!!

I SAID, BEHIND ME!

THIS IS NO ROMANTIC ADVENTURE, CAT! STAY OUT OF THE WAY--!

ARRGHH!



ORDINARILY, THE WONDEROUS WALL-CRAWLER'S SPIDER-SPEED AND AGILITY WOULD HAVE ENABLED HIM TO EASILY AVOID THE CRASHING CORNICE.

ORDINARILY HE WOULD NOT BE LOOKING OUT FOR THE BLACK CAT.

ORDINARILY HE WOULD NOT BE FELLED.

HAHAHAHAHA



WE STAND ON AN EQUAL FOOTING NOW, SPIDER-MAN?

ONLY I AM FAR MORE RUTHLESS!



YOU HURT MY LOVER, MONSTER!

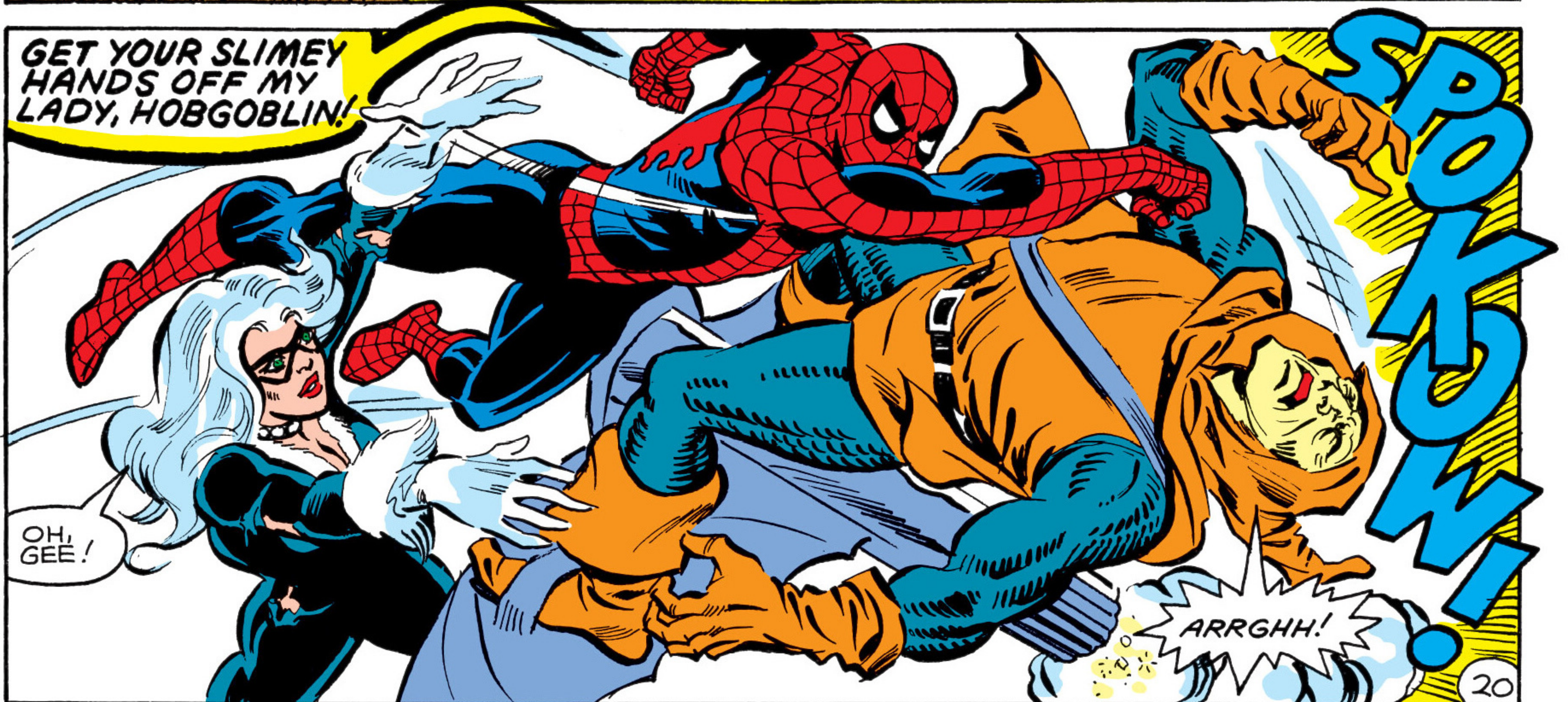
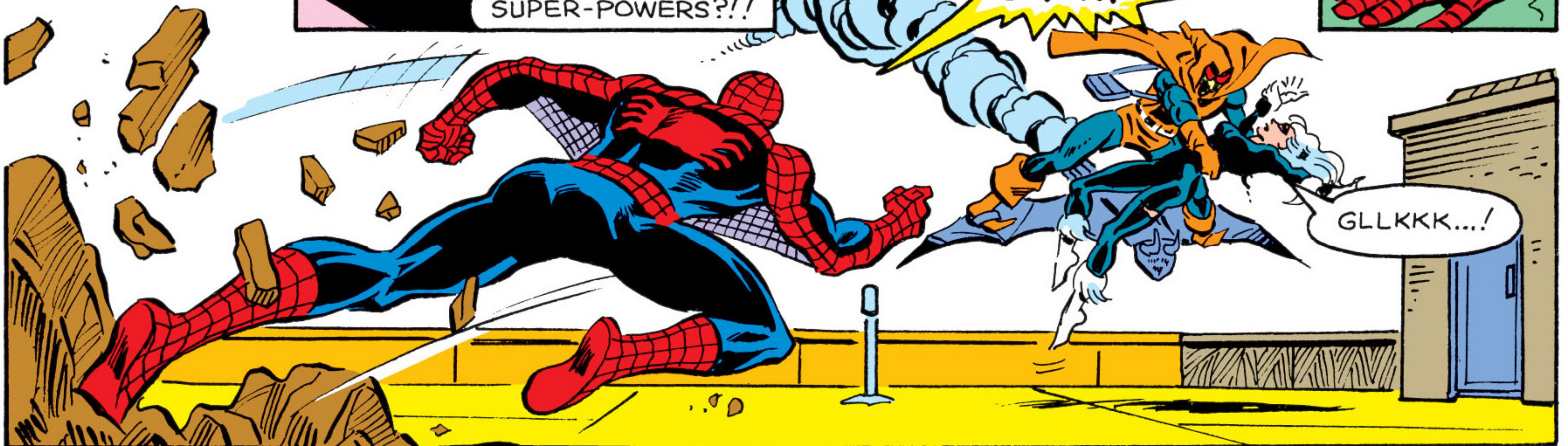
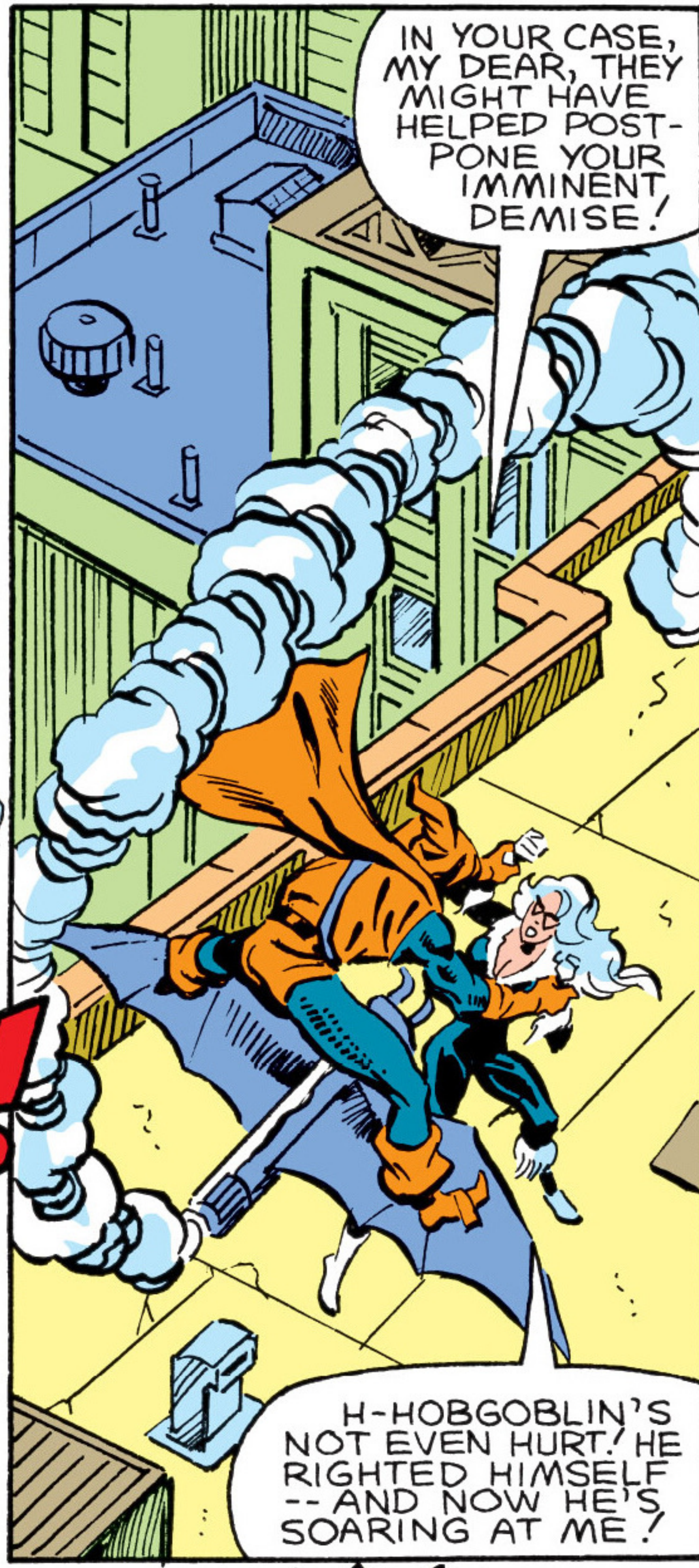
NOW FEEL THE CLAWS OF THE CAT!



THE CAT-CABLE IS TOSSED WITH UNERRING ACCURACY.

ITS CLAWS HOOK FAST TO THE GOBLIN-GLIDER...

...WITH UNSETTLING RESULTS.





NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! I HAVE INCREASED MY STRENGTH--!

YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN STRONGER, 'GOBLIN-- BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY SMARTER...



...OR YOU'D HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO COME AFTER SPIDER-MAN!

BLOW FOR BLOW, HE'S BEATING ME!



I WAS A FOOL TO RELY ON PHYSICAL STRENGTH WHEN I HAVE SO MANY OTHER MEANS OF CAUSING MAYHEM AT MY DISPOSAL!

AGGHH! FIREWORKS FROM YOUR FINGERTIPS--

--BLINDING ME!!!



LOVER!

I'LL BE OKAY IN A FEW SECONDS... BUT THOSE ARE A FEW SECONDS HOBGOBLIN WON'T ALLOW ME!



BUT I'M NOT AS HELPLESS AS I LOOK.

MY SPIDER-SENSE WILL ENABLE ME TO DODGE HIS ATTACK-- AND STRIKE BACK!



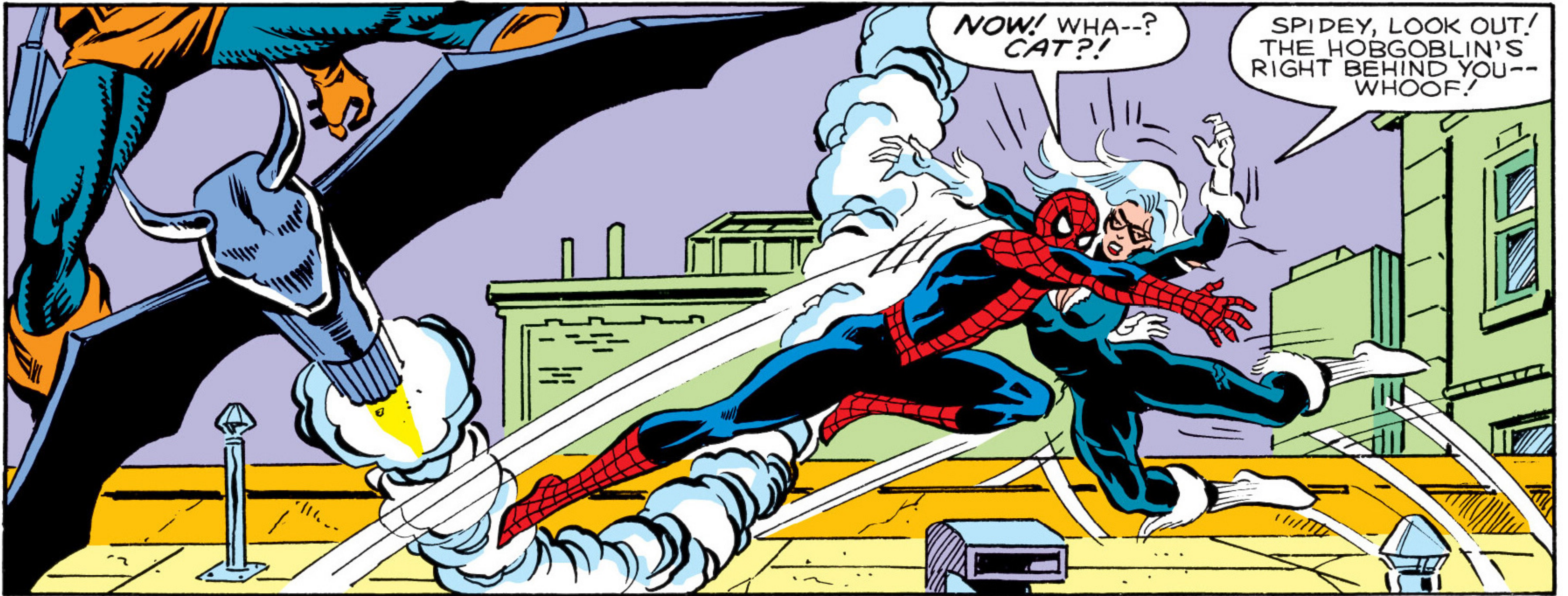
BUT UNAWARE OF HER LOVER'S PLAN... FEARING FOR HIS LIFE--

--THE BLACK CAT RUSHES TO HIS RESCUE!



THAT'S IT, HOBGOBLIN-- JUST A LITTLE CLOSER!

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NOW! WHA--?
CAT?!

SPIDEY, LOOK OUT!
THE HOBGOBLIN'S
RIGHT BEHIND YOU--
WHOOOF!



SPIDER-
MAN SOUGHT
TO SNARE ME--
BUT THE CAT
SPRUNG THE
TRAP TOO
SOON!

HA! THE FOOLS!
THEY ARE THEIR
OWN WORST
ENEMIES!



NOW,
WHILE
THEY
STAND
DAZED,
HOBGOB-
LIN SHALL
AWAY--

--TO RETURN
AND FIGHT
ANOTHER
DAY!

SP-SPIDEY?
WE BEAT
HIM!

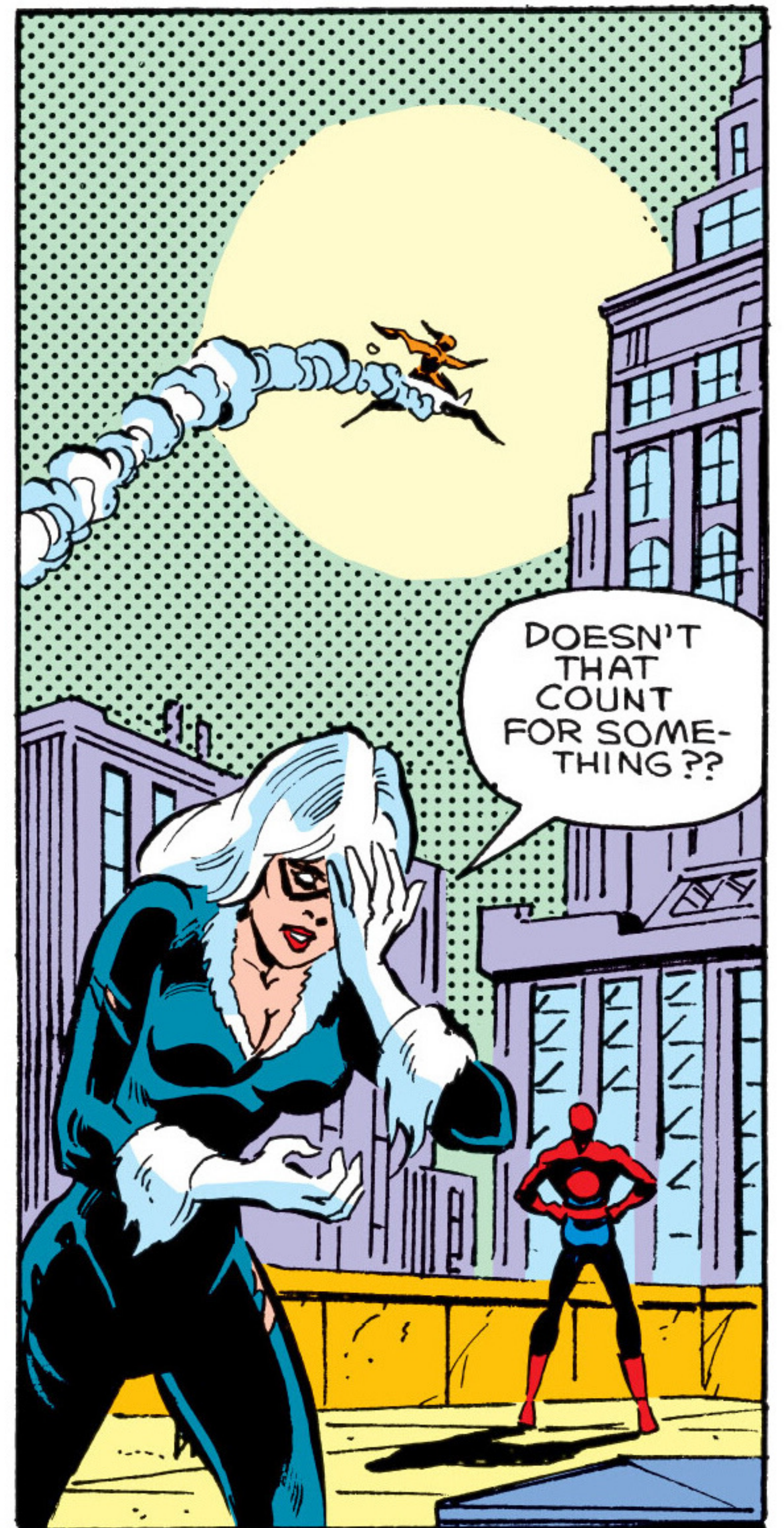
I COULD'VE
HAD HIM,
CAT!

INSTEAD,
HE'S
GETTING
AWAY!



YOU'RE BLAMING
ME FOR LOSING
HIM, AREN'T YOU?

BUT I ONLY
LEAPED IN TO
SAVE YOU!



DOESN'T
THAT
COUNT
FOR SOME-
THING??

**NEXT:
ISH:**

THE RETURN OF THE FEARSOME
FLY, IN A TALE WE CAN
ONLY CALL...

BUGS!

YOU'LL HAVE
TO READ IT TO
SEE WHY!